

	No. 8534 . 號四十三百	五千八第	年一十辞光 HONG	KONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 301	и, 1885. Да	<b>非十一月四英春香</b>	PRICE \$21 PER MONTE
	SHIPPING.	INTIMATIONS.	BANKS.	AUCTIONS.	INSURANCES.	NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.	INTIMATIONS.
į	ABRIVALS.  April 28, Benaldee, British steamer, 1,391, J.	TANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,	THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.	1	NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.	NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.	TO LET.
	Ross, Kuchinotzu 28rd April, Coal.—GIBB, Livingston & Co.	HOSIERS AND GENTLEMEN'S OUT- FITTERS, have received their NEW Stock of	Acrs 1862 to 1883.	Public Auction, at No. 11, Ergin STREET,	LIFE ASSURANCE ONLY. Purely mutual; all profits belong to Policy.	FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.	Possession From 1st May next: THE COUNTRY HOUSE knows
. *	April 29, HAILOONG, British steamer, 277, F. D. Goddard, Tamsni 25th April, and Amoy	UNDERSHIRTS & PANTS in Liste-Thread,	CAPITAL £2,000,000, IN 200,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.	the 50th instant, at 2 o'clock P.M., THE WHOLE OF THE	holders and apportionments are made annually.	"HE Steamship "HESPERIA," Capt. Wagner, having arrived from the above	Macao.
•	27th, Tea.—Douglas Laprain & Co.	India Ganze Chean Imitation Gause, and	Registered Office, 40, Threathreedle Street, London, Branches in India, Japan, China	ENGLISH AND CANTON MADE FURNITURE	Accumulated Funds	Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at	Apply to  F. A. D. CRUS  Macso, 30th April, 1885.
	I. White, Saigon 24th April, Rice.—ADAM- SON, BELL & Co.		LONDON BANKERS:	VELVET COVERED COUCHES and CHAIRS, MARBLE TOP TABLES, CAR.	and Reserve Fundaccord 2 2.139.338	their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats	NOTICE.
. +	Annel 00 Thomas Diffe to the Poor of		THE BANK OF SCOTLAND, EDINEUROH, LON-	PETS, CURTAINS, OIL PAINTINGS, SIDEBOARD & GLASSWARE.	the Government	delivery may be obtained: Optional cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the centrary be given before 1 P.M.,	A GENERAL MEETING of the MI BERS of the GUN CLUB will be
	and Swatow 28th, General Douglas Lia-	HANDREBCHIEFS in French and Irish Cam- brics—Special: New Printed Coloured Centres. Collabs—The "Tandem" and other fashion-	RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED	MATTHESS, DRESSING and WRITING	C. SETON LINDSAY.	TO TIAV	in the Hongkong Clur, at 5 P.M., MORROW, the 1st May, for the purpos
4	PRAIR & Co. April 29, Madura, British bark, 976, Stanton,	able shapes.	At 3 Months' Notice, 3 per Cent. per Annum. At 6 Months' Notice, 4 per Cent. per Annum.	TABLES, WARDROBES, GASALTERS, SHANGHAI BATH TUBS,	BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.,	No Claims will be admitted after the Goods	considering the possibility and expediency extending the operations of the CLUB by to ing down Game on the Island. Gentle
1	Singapore 22nd March, Timber.—CAPTAIN.  April 20, NAM-VIAN, British steamer, 472, A.	Braces. Bathing Drawers and Dresses.	At 12 Months' Notice, 5 per Cent. per Annum.	Tirms as usual.  CATALOGUES will be issued.	46] Agents, Hongkong.	No Fire Insurance has been effected.  Bills of Lading will be countersigned by	interested in Sport who are NOT MEMBER the GUN CLUB are invited to attend.
	Garceau, Haiphong 27th April, General.— A. R. Marty.	Ladies' Bathing Costumes.  New Tennis Jerseys.	On CURBENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS, 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.	LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,	LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.	SIEMSSEN & Co.,	G. G. H. D'AETH. Hon. Sec. H.K. Gun Cl

April 29, Kashgar, British steamer, 1,515, F Speck, Singapore 27th April, Geerahl-P & O. S. N. Co.

April 29, MONGRUT, British steamer, 858. C. H. Loff, Bangkok 23rd April, General. YUEN FAT HONG. April 29, Kwongsang, British steamer, 1,000,

W. Wood, Swatow 28th April, General.-JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. April 29, DUCHAFFAUT, French erniser, Capt. Lemercier Moussant, Makung (Pescadores) 28th April.

CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

29th April. Saltes, British str., for Haiphong. Whampoa, British str., for Port Darwin. Walter Siegfried, British bark, for Taiwanfoo. M. B. Tower, Amr. sch., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES. April 29, Elsa, German, str., for Heiphong. April 29, GREYHOUND, British str., for Holhow. April 29, GLENROY, British str., for Saigon. - April 29, Koon LEE, Slamese sch., for Bangkok. April 29, Doers, German str., for Chefoo. April 29, Guiding Star, British bark, for Tai-

April 29, SIN MANZING, British str., for Wham.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED. " Per Benalder, str., from Kuchinetzu. - 2 Chi-

Per Hailoong, str., from Tamani, &c.-130 Per Fokien, str., from East Coast.-Mesers. Korfoot Hughes, Mallory, and Arthur, and 232 Per Nam-vian, str., from Haiphong .- 7. Euroreans and 2 Chinese. Per Kwongsang, str., from Switow.-40 Chi-

Per Mongkut, str., from Bangkok.—135 Chi-Per Kashgar, str., from Singapore.-Mr. and Mrs. Low How Kum, and 100 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Kwongsong reports left Swatow on the 28th April. Experienced moderate S.S.W. winds and hazy weather.

The British steamer Benakler reports left Kuchinotzu on the 23rd April, and had light variable winds and fine weather throughout. The British steamer Strathmore reports left

Saigon on the 24th April, and had fresh S.E. winds hanting to East from Baigon; middle part light Boutherly winds and clear weather.

The British steamer Mongkut reports left Bangkok outside anchorage on the 23rd April, and experienced fresh Southerly winds in the Galf of Siam, and from thence to Cape Pedaran moderate Easterly winds; latter part of voyage light Southerly winds and fine weather.

The British steamer Fokish reports from Focchow to Amoy and thence to Swatow had light variable winds and fine weather. From Swatow to Hongkong had light S.S.W. winds and hazy weather. In Foschow U.S. corv. Enterprise. In Amoy strs. Benclutha, Paris, and Ingraban. In Swatow strs. See-100, Bengloe, Juson, and King's

The British steamer Hadloong reports left Tamsul on the 25th April, had moderate N.E. wind and overcast weather. Left Amoy on the 27th, had light variable winds and fine weather to port. In Amoy strs. Ingraban, Celebes, Ben-clutha, and Paris. Passed Scottish Oriental and Glan Line steamers off Caps of Good Hope bound North, H.B.M. steamer off Tongmi towing launch, and str. Douglas off Chalang Point

> NOTICE. HONGKONG HOTEL

ON and after the 1st of May the present CHIT system in the BAR & BILLTARD ROOMS will be Changed.

For the convenience of Customers packages of Nine Checks (each the equivalent of 25

Cents) will be Sold in the Hotel Office for \$2.00 Cash, which will be current for refreshments in the BAR and for BILLIARDS only. The Hotel will redeem in the Office any of the CHECKS at 20 Cents cach. H. ST. CLAIR GREELEY,

Manager. Hongkong, 27th April, 1885. NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at BHANGHAI CLUB, on TUESDAY, the 5th

date 1886." By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. KENNARD DAVIS, Secretary. Shanghai, 2nd April, 1885,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS. BONUS of 15 PER CENT. upon CONTRI-BUTIONS for the year 1884 has THIS DAY been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 15th Proximo. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1885.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED. -TELEPHONES

TELEPHONE MATERIALS. every description always on hand and for CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LD., J. D. BISHOP, Manager. Telegraphic Address:-

BISHOP, Shanghai

NEW WOVEN CHOLERA BELTS for Ladies. NEW WOVEN CHOLERA BELTS for Gentle-

and Summer Textures: Linen Washing Scarfs, Printed Washing Ties, Silk Washing Windsors, and a variety of New Shapes in made up Cravats. 8 STRAW HATS, FELT HATS, PITH HATS. SUMMER GLOVES IN Coloured Silk and IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

English and French Summer Boots and Shoes. Specialities "Glase Molière Kid." White Canvas Shoes at \$2.50 per pair. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, 16th April, 1884.

BREWER has just received the following :---Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1885....\$12.00 Stermonth's New Dictionary, 2Vols. 1 Mor. Macaulay's History of England 5 Vols ... Herbert Spencer's Works, 14 Vols....... 30.00 Huxley's Works, 11 Vols...... 21.00 Tyndall's Works, 11 Wols...... Waverley Novels, Complete ..... Draper's Intellectual Development of ? Europe Straus's Old Faith and New .....

Thompson's and Steele's Home Physician 1,000 Reprints of English Novels & Scientific Works from 20 Cents each. Entirely New Games for Children, Mechanical Picture Books, very amusing.

Very Handsome Singing Dolls. Very Handsome Talking Dolls. Sweet Caporal Cigarettes. W. BREWER, Queen's Road. NEXT DOOR TO HONGRONG HOTEL.

ELLT & WALSH'S Modern Naval Tactics with Diagrams. Text Book of Gunnery. -Queen's Bogulations and Orders for the Army. Admitted. Boulger's History of China, Vol. III. Grace's Lessons in Oil Painting. Hongkong Blue Book, 1884. \*\*
Hongkong Administrative Reports, 1884. John Bull to Max O'Rell . Colquboun's Among the Shans. Bird's Eye View of the Battle of Abu-Klea.

Collet's Practical Guide for Compensation of Compass without Bearings. Ferguson's Manual of International Law. Skeleton Telegraph Code, 15,000 words ruled for private Codes. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary—indexed. Kate Greensway's Language of Flowers. Life of Emerson, by Oliver Wendel Holmes. RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF Spon's Mechanics' Own Book.

Hospitalier's Electrician's Rocket Book. Gaboricau's Sensational Novels-Cheap Eds. ANTI-COCKROACH VARNISH, in Bottles, 60 cents Each. The best known Remedy for effectually preventing the destruction of books by Cookrosches without injury to the binding. The disagreeable light N.E. winds and clear weather; latter part sticky appearance common to Chinese Varnishes is altogether absent in this capital preparation.

KELLY & WALSH, HONGKONG. 124 AUSTRALIAN MUTTON. KILLED AND DEESSED BY AN EXPERIENCED LONDON BANKERS-LONDON & COUNTE BANK.

ENGLISH BUTCHER. MR. JOHN KENNEDY will be prepared supply the community THIS MORNING with prime AUSTRALIAN MUTTON, price from 14 to 16 Cents per lb, at his SHOP, No. 38, Control Market, Eastern Avenue.

Business Hours from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M. Hongkong, 28th April, 1885. AUSTRALIAN MEAT DEPOT.

CATTLE ELLED AND DRESSED BY AN EXPERIENCED ENGLISH BUTCHER.

TR. JOHN KENNEDY will Open the SHOP; No. 38, Central Market, Eastern Avenue, TO-DAY, to supply the community with prime AUSTRALIAN BEEF. Business Hours from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1885. WANTED.

SITUATION by an active, intelligent Young Mas (Excluse). Outports pre-Banking Corporation, on their premises in ferred. Hongkong. Business hours on week days, 10 Apply, by letter, to

Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 6th March, 1885.

NOTICES OF FIRMS. NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself CANTON and INSPECTOR & GENERAL COMMISSION | positor's own account. MERCHANT under the Style and Title of E. W. MITCHELL & Co. EDWARD W. MITCHELL. Canton, 10th April, 1885.

NOTICE. May, 1885, at There P.M., when the following MR. E. A. RAVEN having retired to Special Resolution will be proposed.

Europe, the Business hitherto existing

Canton, 1st March, 1885.

FIHE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of daily balances.

Amoy, 15th April, 1885.

MR. HERMANN LOUIS CHRISTIAN various British Post Offices in Hongkong and ALL TENDERS to bear upon the cover. OTTE has This Day been admitted a Pariner China. in our FIRMS at Hongkong, Canton and 11.-Withdrawals may be made on demand, PUSTAU & Cò.

Hongkong & China, 1st April, 1885.

NOTICE. Of our FIRM of this Port, and have For the Ho authorized MR. G. MACKRILL SMITH to Sign our name.

MARGESSON & Co. Centon, let April, 1885.

CHANGES, LOANS, and every description

Scarves and Ties in all the Newest Styles CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORFORATION H. A. HERBERT

CHANCERY DIVISION:

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

TURSUANT to an Order of the High Court of Chancery made in the above matter, the Official Liquidator has been authorized to pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of FIFTY CENTS in the DOLLAR to all CREDITORS on their approved Claims received by him in London prior to the 20th November, 1884. HOLDERS OF NOTES cannot participate in the 1st DIVIDEND unless they have Deposited the Notes in the hands of the Attorneys of the

6.50 Official Liquidator in Hongkong before the 26th day of September, 1884. All Deposit Receipts, Bills of Exchange, Powers of Attorney, Certificates received in exchange for Notes, and other Securities, must be handed in before the dividend will be paid. All CREDITORS who have not already sent in their Claims to the Official Liquidator in London are requested to do so at once in accordance with the notice given in the Hongkong Daily Press Newspaper on the 13th, 16th, and 20th August, 1884, and in the Hongkong Government Gazette on the 16th, 23rd and 30th

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Dividend will be payable at the Office of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED on and after the 17th instant, between the Hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., (on Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.), to the persons entitled, having regard only to the Claims of which notice shall have been received, and which have been

Dated the 13th day of April, 1885. J. MELVILLE MATSON. H. HOWARD TAYLOR. Attornoys for the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION

IN LIQUIDATION. TTONGKONG& SHANGHAIBANKING RESERVE FUND DIVIDENDS .....

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-PRIETORS ..... COURT OF Dreactors :--Chairman-Hon. F. D. Sassoon. Deputy Chairman-A. McIver, Esq. L. Dalrymple, Esq. B. E. Sassoon, Esq. W. H. Forbes, Esq. C. D. Rottomley, Esq. A. P. McEwen, Esq. Hon. W. Keswick

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong-Thomas Jackson, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai-Ewen Cameron, Esq.

HONGKONG-INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Deposit Account at the rate of per cent, per Annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum. For 6 months 4 per Cent. per Annum. For 12 months 5 per Cent. per Annum. LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and

every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager,

Hongsong, 28th February 1885.

-NOTICE. SAVINGS BANK

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hengkong and Shanghai to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1. 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct Security for the repayment of sums deposited in

the above Bank. · 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor 1886,-January 18th, \$465,000.00 may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year. 4.—Deposits may be made on behalf of rela- 1888, January 18th, 464,700.14 tions, of Trusts, &c., in addition to the De-

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or THE CHARTERED BANK OF. INDIA at the Post Office. When the form is presented AUSTRALIA AND CHINA with ten clean stamps the depositor will be INVITE SEALED TENDERS 6.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having

\$100 or more at their credit may at their option BALANCE transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shang- of the above Loan at their Offices at Hongkong, hai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for Shanghai, Yokohama, and Singapore, until Stamps of any values.

> Mr. JAMES CAMPBELL WARD.
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> 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
> LAW in our Firm CEASED on 31st December,
> with a Pass-Book which must be presented with
> each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must
> have determined to be presented with
> the due date will render all previous payments
> the due date will render all previous payments
> liable to forfeiture. 1770 Books, but should send them to be written up BONDS to BEARER will be issued on 30th at least twice a year, about the beginning of May, 1885, against allotment letter and on pay-January and beginning of July.

Branch of our Firm at Shanghai, tances, and generally, correspondence as to the and Mr. JOHANNES HARTWIG LEFF. business of the Bank will, if marked On Hong-the amount applied for is allotted the balance of Business, whether they are MANN has been admitted a Partner in this more Bank Business, be forwarded the deposit will be applied towards the payment Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN. free of Postage or Registration Fees by the of the final instalment.

but the personal attendance of the Depositor or The CHARTERED BANK does not bind itself his duly appointed Agent, and the production of to accept any offer below par. ness of the Savings /Bank are exempt from of the CHARTEERS BANK. For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Australia & China, ING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Hopgkoug, 26th April, 1854.

Chief Manager.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HHE Undersigned has received instructions Rates. to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 2nd May, 1885, at 2 F.M., at his

Salas Rooms, Queen's Road, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. Comprising :-CHAIRS. SIDEBOARD.

WHATNOTS CROCKERY, GLASS and STEAD. ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY rates. WARDROBE with PLATS GLASS DOOR CHEST OF DRAWERS, and MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND, DRESSING TABLE and GLASS: and WASHSGAND.

TERMS OF SALE. - As Customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG. Hongkong, 29th April, 1885.

INTIMATION.

PROSPECTUS OF THE OHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 1885 DOLLAR LOAN.

TRHORISED by the IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA and in conformity with Decrees Issued by the TSUNG-LI YAMEN, or GENERAL 'FO communicated to the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, HONGKONG, through the BRITISH LEGA- FITHE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above TION at PEKING, bearing dates the 26th day

For DOLLARS 1.394,700.14 Hongkong Currency. Equivalent of TAELS 1,000,000 at 7.1.7. in 2790 Bonds of 3500 each, excepting one for \$200.14, Hongkong Carroncy, bearing inter- Q U N F 1 R E O F F 1 C E est at 8 per cent, per annum!

The Chinese Imperial Government guarantees the repayment of this Losn within three years from the nineteenth day of January, 1885 and has pledged as security therefor and for the payment of the interest, the IMPERIAL MARI-TIME CUSTOMS REVENUES of the Kwingtung or Canton Province, on further have main the Bonds issued for the payment of this Loan fe-ceivable, if not taken up and paid at due date 4,400,920. and import, throughout the Kwangtung or Can-400,000, ton Province, as appears by the following extract from the agreement entered into between the Chinese Imperial Government and the FIRE at Current Rates.

CHARTERED BANK of India, Australia and CHINA, viz: "In the event of the non-payment at due date by the CHINESE IMPERIAL GO-VERNMENT of any instalment of principal or interest, or of any part thereof, the Bonds drawn and payable on that date and not paid shall there upon become and be payable and receivable in payment of Customs' duties either export or import, or both, at any port or places in the Kwangtung Province, and all Officers of the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS shall be directed

and are hereby authorised to receive them for the full-value. Further the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS THE Officers at all the other TREATY PORTS in China are charged to provide funds to meet all liabilities under and in connection with this

The PRINCIPAL and INTEREST are payable in Hongkong. The Bonds are redeemable at par within three years (1888) by three yearly instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 18th January, 1886. The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable yearly according to the English Calendar, as per schedule hereunto annexed, at the Offices of the CHARTEDED BANK of INDIA, AUSTRALIA and CHINA at their current buying rate of exchange for demand bills on Hongkong.
The DRAWINGS will take place at the

Office of the said OHARTERED BANK in Hongkong three months previous to the date of payment of each instalment, as given in the Schedule, and the Bonds so drawn will be payable at par at the Offices of the said CHARTERED BANE in Hongkong, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF DEAWINGS to take place in the mouth of October in' Dates of Payment of Drawn Bands Amount of each Amount of Interest

and Interest. \$111,576.01 1887,-January 18th,

\$1,394,700.14 \$223,128.03

SMALL UNALLOTTED

Noon on the 23rd May, 1885, when the Tenders 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the will be opened.

Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage A DEPOSIT of Ten Dollars per centum upon the amount. Tendered must accompany 8.—Interest at the rate of 31 per cent per each application, such deposit to be made by annum will be allowed to Depositors on their cheque or on demand draft on a Bank in Hongkong. The balance of the amount allotted to be

ment of the balance due on same, from which This Day Established a ed Letters containing Stamps or other Remit-

> "TENDER for CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERN-MENT DOLLAR LOAN of 1885." his Pass-Book are necessary.
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> THIS PROSPECTUS and Form of Tender
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> 13.—All documents connected with the busican be obtained on application at the Offices OUEEN FIRE INSURANCE For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA

> > Agents issuing the Loan. T. H. WHITEHEAD, Acting Manager.

GRANT POLICIES upon FIRST-CLASS RISKS to the extent of £15,000, at the Reduced Tariff

DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & Co. Hongkong, 11th May 1881. THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY. LIMITED.

HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are pre pared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE PLATED WARE, Double Igon BED. RISKS to all parts of the World, at current

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 5th November, 1883. CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.

I HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are pre pared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1882. THRANSATLANTICFIEEINSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG. The Undersigned, having been appointed their Goods, with the exception of Opium. Agents for the avove Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. REIGN OFFICE, at PERING, and officially NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

Company, are prepared to GRANT IN of December, 1884, and 12th day of January, SURANCES to the extent of \$65,000, on first class risks at current rates. MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 27th March, 1876.

> The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of \$50,000 on First-plass Risks. LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Sun Fire Office. Hongkong, 19th May, 1881.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTIL INSUBANCE COMPANY. pany, are authorized to INSURE against recognized. GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January 1882.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG. THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 18th January, 1984. MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF

NEW YORK 156 & 158. BROADWAY. THE Undersigned having been appointed Capt. Felgate, having arrived from the above Agents for the above Company are prepared to take applications for LIFE INSUR-ANCE at reduced rates.

PUSTAU & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 1st August 1884.

NOTICE: FINE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY. LIMITED. Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at 1 % nett per Annum, and other In-SURANCES at Current Rates. Agencies at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and the Philippines.

JAS B. COUGHTBIE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. THE LONDON ASSURANCE INCOEPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS" MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.

THE Undersigned having been appointed.

Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:-Policies at ourrent rates, payable either here. in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia. FIRE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for long or abort periods at

LIFE DEPARTMENT. Policies issued for sums not-exceeding £5,000, at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. FIRE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG!

CAPITAL (SUESCRIBED), \$1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LUM SIN SANG, Esq. BAN HUP, Esq. | YowChongPeng, Esq. CHAN LI CHOY, Esq. Q. HOI CHUNE, Esq. The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all

- WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE. No. 2, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 14th March, 1881.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at 1 per Cent. Nott premium por Annum. NORTON & Co., Agenta

COMPANY.

EXO. S.S. CO.'S S.S. "CYCLOPS." FROM LIVERPOOL. CHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the 114 D Undersigned not later than the 1st Prox. for shipment per steamer " MENELAUS."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being dis-charged into Craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 26th April, 1885. Goods undelivered after the 2nd Prox., will be subject to Rent.

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE HE Steamship

Hongkong, 25th April, 1885.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

"GLENEAGLES," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned whence and/or from the wharves or bosts delivery may be obtained. '. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NCON TO-DAY, the 25th instant." Cargo remaining undelivered after the 2nd May, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE HE Steamship \* "NINGCHOW." having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent into the Office of the Undersigned before THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Com- Noon, on the 2nd May, or they will not be Captain Wagner, will be despatched for the No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd May, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 o'clook this AFTERNOON. Bills of Lading will be Countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 24th April, 1885.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES: FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE. THE Steamship "LORD OF THE ISLES." Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested

to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-

signed for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Japan unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO MORROW, the 24th inst., All Claims against the steamer must be presanted to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd May next, or they will not be recognised.

RUBSELL & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1885. IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

HONGKONG. IN BANKRUPTCY.

TOTICE -SHUM YAN TAL having been adjudged a Bankrupt, under a Petition for Adjudication in Bankruptcy, field in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 2nd day of July, 1884, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last examination and make application for his Order of Discharge, will be held before the Honourable Sir George Phil LIPPO, Chief Justice of the said Court, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, aforesaid, on VIHE Company's Steamship WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of May, 1885, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the FORENOON of that day precisely.

ALFRED GASCOYNE WISE, Esquire, is the TO-MORROW, the 1st May, at THREE F.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Official Assignee in the Bankruptcy; and the For Freight or Passage, apply to undersigned is the Solictor, acting for the Bank-

Dated this 17th day of April, 1885. DANIEL E. CALDWELL, Solicitor. Acting in the Bankruptcy, 50, Queen's Road.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE

ASSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE Undersigned having been appointed A Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GEANT POLICIES against FIRE AND LIFE at Current Rates. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, 1st April, 1885.

THENIX FIRE OFFICE The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANTPOLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at the following Rates:— On First-class European Tenements ........... t to Net per Annum.

On First-class Godowns. & Merchandise stored therein .....at & /. Net per Annum. On Coals ......at 1 '/, Net per Amoun. On Petroleum in licensed Godowns ...... at 14 % Net per Annum. On First-class Chinese On Second-class Chinese

Agents for Phonix Fire Office.

COMPANY, LIMITED. . NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL . MEETING of the above Company will be held at the SHANGHAI CLUB on TUESDAY, the 5th May, at HALF-PAST Two o'CLOCK P.M., for the presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts for the half-year anding 31st December last, the Election of Directors CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer and Auditors, and declaration of Dividends and . appropriation to Reserve Fund for the year

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th instant to the

5th Prox., both days inclusive. By order of the Court of Directors, J. KENNARD DAVIS. Shanghai, 16th April, 1885.

TUITION: MR. WILLIAM SWEETMAN, Teacher of Languages, will be glad to PUPILS. Under his new system MR. SWEET MAN can import a fair knowledge of any European Language within three months. Arrangements are new being made to form DAY and EVENING CLASSES. ME. SWEETMAN undertakes Translations

in all European Languages and offers his Services as Interpreter. Terms strictly moderate. Apply to COLLEGE CHAMBERS, Wyndham Street. Hongkong, 30th April, 1885.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned will not hold himself RESPONSIBLE for any Business Transactions and in MONEY LOAN, &c. without the Signatures of LI POK SHAN WONG KING NAM, and MA SAU SHEN and also the Stamp of the SHOP's SEAL He also gives Notice that if he Purchases any Goods, the Bill must be brought to the Shop to be Stamped, and if any of his employes have Transactions with outsiders and in Money or Loan without the Stamp of the SHOP'S SEAL they will not be recognised. This notice is given in order to avoid disputes in future.

WING CHEUNG KUT SHOP. Hongkong, 30th April, 1885. of the Undersigned at Wanchai, whence delivery FOR SHANGHAL

HE Steamship " HESPERIA," above Port TO-DAY, the 30th instant, at THREE P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.,

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. 812 FOR AMOY AND TAMSUL THE Company's Steamship

Hongkong, 29th April, 1885.

"HAILOONG" Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 30th instant, at FOUR P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 29th April, 1885.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship "Anchises." TO-MORROW, the 1st May, at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agenta.

Hengkong, 80th April, 1885.

Two P.M.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR BANGKOK, DIRECT. THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. THE Company's Steamer "PHRA CHOM KLAO," Captain H. Stratton, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the lat of May, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN PAT HONG, Hongkong, 29th April, 1885. NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVI-GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SOURABAYA, (VIA SAIGON. AND SINGAPORE) "CELEBES." Captain de Haan, will be despatched as above

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 29th April, 1885. FOR SHANGHAL

HE Steamship "AMOY." Captain D'Egville, will be despatched for the abeve Port TO-MORROW, the 1st May, For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUL.

above Ports on SUNDAY, the 3rd May, at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 29th April, 1885.

AND DESSERT SERVICES, CURIOS FURNITURE, &c., &c.

FOUR P.M. Hongkong, 29th April, 1885. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY

TITHE Company's Steamship "FORIEN," Captain Westoby, will be despatched for the

By Appointment to His Excellency the Go. VERNOE and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH,

PERFUMERS, PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

ERATED WATER MAKERS. SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTHS. On the 5th March, at the Glen, Dunedin, New Zea. land, the wife of Tourse Pru, Foochow, of a daughter. On the 26th April, at 12, Queen's Boad Control, the wife of W. G. HUMPHREYS, of a son. [83]

H INGHONG. APRIL 30TH, 185. ALTHOUGH the foreign trade of China shows some surprise will be felt that the decrease | March ...... has not been greater than is shown by the Overture .... published returns. Complaints of bad trade | Value ...... were current all through the year, but the Song.... actual decline in the imports as compared with 1883, notwithstanding the closing of the Formosan ports for a great part of the million tasls. The total value of imports last year was Tis. 72,760,000 as against Tis. lumn, speaks of this as "a triffing difference | St. Joseph's College: when the sums compared are so large." The its lowest ebb. In 1881 the value of the imports took a sudden jump to Tis. 91,910,877, since when it has steadily declined. If than Tis. 19,000,000. This certainly cannot be called " very trifling," boing in fact more smaller than it has been since 1878, but i operations China must have had a very good of accidentally falling into the water. year." Now that the warlike operations have, according to all appearances, finally meeting of the Legislative Council to morrow terminated, it is not unreasonable to hope afternoon;that the returns for 1885 will show a revival of trade, and that the improvement will be permanently maintained. This can hardly Standard Chok. fail to be the case if the settlement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty should lead to the further opening up of the country, as it

between Tongain, which is now French ter-

ritory, and the frontier provinces of Kwang-

subject, urging that the rise had now come when foreign powers should'r quies a refacilities for trade as favourable as those valuable tributaries, still remains closed to foreign enterprise, to steam communication, and to improvement and progress in every it is in the first place true, and in the second it form." The unfortunate renewal of the way rendered the further urging of this subject at the moment inopportune; but now that have broken out on board the British steamer a few movements by the Adjutant of the peace negotiations are again in progress the the Shire Line, has been chartered by the Naval of Capt. Superintendent Deane, and in the end time seems favourable for again bringing authorities for transport service in operations they were drawn up in double line, as follows, the matter forward. The intention of the French is to establish a protective fariff in their Indo-Chinese possessions. Foreign P. Chater & Co.'s wharf, at Kowloon or the Sathe west end were a company of Water Police goods will consequently be made to pay mar whart, as it is caused from the interest surply which ashere. The men were in full uniform and fully landed coal there—from the adjoining godowns of ashere. The men were in full uniform and fully heavily for their use of the Touquin route, Messrs. Kerfoot Hughes & Co. Up to yesterday armed, and drawn up in this manner they received which makes it all the more important that morning about half that amount of coal had been His Excellency the Governor with a general the natural trade routes from the east should got aboard, and at about nine a.m. fire was dis- salute. His Excellency arrived shortly after be opened up, " not alone for the protect information to the bostswain. The latter went Commodore Morant, Major Cochrane (Brigad tion of foreign commercial interests, but below, and saw that some of the dunnage, the Major Davies (Assistant Military Se also, and not less, in the interests of coal and the ship's side, was on fire. He at Excellency), and Lieut. Somerville (Aide-de Aide-de other of the west excellency and reliable of its China herself, and for the development once gave the alarm, and assistance was sent for Camp to the General). and future independence of the trade of in all directions. There were no hand pumps her frontier and western provinces. The up, the crew were without any means of coping completed, the two companies of Europeans were of Mr. da Costa had been. His name is above opening up of these routes would naturally with a fire, except by buckets. In a very short wheeled round so that the men were then formed and has long been familiar to all foreigners as well as Chinese in the South of China. During bring substantial benefit to Hongkoug, so small manual from the Taim Tea Teni Police which was the inspecting party. that there are strong local grounds for urging Station was first on the spot; followed quickly by Hrs Excentency then addressed the force the point, in addition to the more unselfish another manual from the Naval Yard. Soon as follows :- Captain Superintendent, officers reasons above referred to. Reverting again engine, arrived, and directly after it a steam Hongkong Police Corps,—This is my third to the present state of trade, it is satisfac- engine from the Naval Yard in Hongkong, annual inspection of this force, and it is a great tory to note that, notwithstanding the fact which was towed over in the No. 1 Lighter by a satisfaction to me to be enabled to congratulate players to the utmost, while conserving peaceful that the export as well as the import trade men from that department. In addition to these, ciency. As you see, my gallant friends, General of China has fallen off, the commercial move- every one of the men-of-war contributed a Cameron and Commodore Morant, have accomment of Hongkong, estimated by the

couple of years, when the upward movement time.

lagain set in until in 1883 it, reached the large figure of 5,300,000 tone. Last year announcement on our front page, a general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Gun there was a felling off of a little over Club will be held at the Hongkong Club at 100,000 tons, the decline taking place in the 5 p.m. to-morrow to consider the expediency of junk trade only. The junk trade has fluctuated considerably during the period cavered by the diagram, but in 1884 it stood at only some 400,000 tons more than in 1867. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, having risen from 1,300,000 tons to 1,700,000 whilst during the same time foreign shipping das risen from 1,200,000 tops to

> The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson Co.) inform us, that the Glen Line steamer Glenavon, from London, left Singapore for this ort yesterday.

The British corvotto Curacoa left Singapore named Thomas William Marsh was bitten on Norres. To avoid dolay in the execution of on the 21st inst, steering to the eastward. It is the fingers about two months ago by a do supposed, says the Straits Times, she was follow- The dog was killed, and Mr. Marsh had the ing the Russian ironelad Minin

> We omitted to mention yesterday, when recording the return to this port of the steam tug on the 21st, the case being unmistakeably one of Pilot Fish from the stranded steamer Zafiro, that she brought back 35 chests of opium salved from that vessel in good condition. The Dock Company had made an agreement to salve the opium for a consideration of \$100 per chest; the trip of the Pilot Fish has, therefore, been a profitable one.

The French craiser Duchaffaut, Captain though not put upon heavy labour, he became Damercier-Moussaux, arrived here yesterday gradually worse until at length he was sent to evening from Makung, Pescadores. The Duchaf- the Gao! Hospital. There he continued gradually faut is a cruiser of 1,300 tons, carries six 14- to sink, and died on Tuesday of general debilit centimetre guns, five Hotchkiss machine guns, Evidence to this effect was given by the Colonial and has a crew of 160 men. She has never been Surgeon, who was supported by Dr. Hartigan, here before, having proceeded direct from and a verdict of death from natural causes was Noumea to Formosa when ordered to reinforce returned. the squadron of Admiral Courbet.

The Band of "The Buffs" will play at the Public Gardens this evening, commencing at 9 as to the probable action of the British in this to raise money upon it. Before he went to do a falling off during the year 1884, probably o'clock. The following is the programme:--

"God Save the Queen."

' Black and Tan "

We have to acknowledge receipt of another musical composition by Mr. R. S. Pinto, orgayear, only amounts to rather less than a nist of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. This is the "Fun Waltz," a pleasing piece that reflects credit on the composer. It is called after the Ningpo, unless they choose to come outside and winner of the Hongkong Derby, 1885, and is de-73,567,000 in 1883. Mr. DREW, the Statis- dicated to Fun's owner, Mr. H. N. Mody. A tical Secretary of the Fureign Customs, in photograph of Mr. Mody's sturdy pony adorns England on the water is an estensible fact. But the cover, which has further been artistically dehis valuable report published in another co- corated by Master Monteiro, one of the pupils of

The following tale is from the Shanghai amount is certainly smaller than we should Mercury :- There was a Governor of Hongkong have expected to find it, but it must not be who liked to ingratiate himself with his native subjects, as he fermed them, by calling them by forgotten that 1883 showed a decrease on what he imagined were their proper names. So -1882, and that year again a decrease on its the patronizingly called the venerable coolie of predecessor, so that trade has been falling Government House "Uncle." All Chinese list, ened with due gravity to that respect for age off for the last three years; complaints have and no doubt highly esteemed the Western Barnaturally been the loudest when it reached barian Taipan. In the smile that was child-like and bland, no foreigner saw that they were aughing in their sleeve.

The body of an artificer by the name of S. F. Franki: 1, and belonging to H.M.S. Wanderer. comparison be instituted between that year was found in the bay of Nagasaki on the 15th and 1884 the falling off amounts to more April, according to our Nagasaki contemporary. Deceased is reported to have been a quiet, stead man, and was missing from his vessel since the night previous to the 15th. There was no evi- that England must see that right to done to the land swearing because he had got wet. He took than 20 per cent. The import trade is now dence to prove how deceased came by his death; Afghans. but from the absence of any wound beyond slight braise over the eye, and the fact that his is still larger than it was before that year. watch and a sum of money were found on his Mr. Drew says that "but for the warlike person, there was not the slightest reason to suppose that his death was other than the result.

The following is the order of the day for the

I.—The Honourable Wong Shing, pursuant to no-tice, will move that the petition of Ko Lung Tai, Wo Lan, and others, be read, in order to obtain the opinion of the Council in the matter of the Custom House

Attorney-General to move the third reading of the Bill for the Incorporation of the Vicar Apostolie of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong. 3. -The Attorney-General to move that the Council to into Committee on the following Bills !confidently anticipated it will. The Fournie, Convention provided for trading facilities

(b.)--The Bill to amend the Post Office Ordinance. .)-The Bill to amend Ordinance 16 of 1878 (Trade Marks). The Attorney-General to move the second readag of the Bill for the prevention of abuses connected

tung, Kwangsi, and Yunoan; and that Conwith Child Adoption and Domestic Service. vention is to form the basis of the terms of A correspondent sends the following to the peace now being agotiated. In July last Shanghai Courier .- Dulce est decorum pro pathe Hongkong Chamber of Commerce ad tria mori, so said the unfortunate captain of the dressed the late Sir Harry Parkes on this chow that he had passed three French vessels standing in to the mouth of the Min. This news was of such a startling nature that it was deemed necessary to awake the sentinels at the White and vision of the conditions of their intercourse other forts and to send a lookout to the summit with China and claim the concession of of Sharp Peak. All that night and the next day the soldiers stood at their loaded guns ready to granted to France. The Committee pointed General waxed more wroth and warlike; at sun-tive of the Queen in China. The flags of the out in their letter that "In South China down of the second day he again interviewed the bearer of the news. As the poor fellow had not there has been no progress whatever made a stock of Frenchmen in his pocket to satisfy the chant/vescels were also half-masted. towards obtaining access to the country from eraving of the warrior he considered himself agthe olden days when Canton was the factory grieved, and ordered the offender away. for excontion in the morning. The relations of the in which commerce centred; and beyond the prisoner heard of his condomnation and immedicity, the river, with its many branches and ataly went to hunt up the General to get a reprieve; this was granted after much delay, but arrived at Sharp Peak just five minutes too late. This little episode has a double recommendation

points a moral that patriotism don't pay in China. Yesterday morning a fire was discovered to of an inspector. They were then put through Merionethshire. This vessel, which belongs to force. Captain Dempster, under the supervision connected with the Angle-Russian complication, and for this service she was being loaded with a Europeans forming the first part of the line cargo of 2,000 tens of Cardiff coal at Messrs. C. along the south side, then the Sikhs, and across mar wharf, as it is called from the first ship which lokangs and a company of lokangs on service covered in the after hold by a coolie, who gave 5.30, accompanied by Major-General Cameron, rough pieces of wood placed between the cretary) Capt Lawis (Aide-de-Camp to afterwards the "Fireman," floating Government non-commissioned officers, and men of the steam launch and accompanied by a number of you once more on your good conduct and effiworking party of bluejackets, besides several panied me, and they authorise me to state that foreign residents of the past quarter of a censmall hand pumps, so that altogether a very they are much pleased with your smart and tury. amount of shipping passing through the large amount of water was soon being poured soldierlike bearing, not unworthy of that famous harbour as given in the Harbour Master's upon the coal. There never was much fire corps, the Royal Irish Constabulary. As you below, and the amount of smoke was very trifling, are already aware, General Cameron was much Returns, has suffered but very little decrease. and in less than two hours from the time it was gratified with the rifle practice of those armed There has been a falling off in the junk trade, discovered there was no fire to be seen there, with the Martini-Henry carbines which I prowhich now stands at about the same figure as What fire there was it is believed was mostly cured for you from England. At his recomin 1880 and 1881 but the trade in vessels of little of the coal was burned. A large practice from 50 to 150 rounds per man. If war confined to the dunnage, and but very mendation I have increased the allowance for European type again show an increase, though gang of coolies was got together and at work should unfortunately break out you will add 300 not a large one. It is true that the shipping upon the coal directly after the discovery effective men to the strength of the garrison, of the fire was made, and they shifted the equal to one fourth of the whole number; and

As our readers will note, on reference to the extending the operations of the Gun Club by turning down game on the island. This is an in teresting question, and non-members of the Club interested in sport are invited to be present.

A sad and futal accident occurred at Shang hai on the 22nd instant, on board the U.S.S. Junisia. The captain of the fore-top, Joh Rolly, after assisting in furling the sails, los his hold while descending, and fell to the deck. He was picked up in an insensible state and expired about ten minutes afterwards. He wa greatly respected by the ship's crew, and his death is greatly regretted by them.—N. C. Daily they heard the trigger click. They remarked

Another death from hydrophobia occurred in Singapore on the 21st inst. A young man wound cauterized, after which it healed up. the 18th instant the wound commenced to pain him, got worse daily, and he died in great agony

An inquest was held in the Gaol yesterday afternoon on the body of a prisoner named H Aming. The deceased who was an old offender, was received into the gaol on the 7th Nevember. 1884, on a sentence of six months' imprisonment. He had old standing disease upon him then, and

"Turkish Patrol" .......... Michaelia supplies the following report :- "His opinion is against his bolting with the whole of the " swag, Rossini that Wladivostock will be the first objective the English, and their ships will then leisurely come in their way. Those at present cruising have for some time past been carefully watched by English ships specially detailed for that duty. And the Russian war ships that are now Nagasaki are likely to remain there, and be is the same predicament as the Chinese vessels at fight it out; this our authority seems to think they will not do. That Russia is no match for if France co-operates with Russia, as she seems disposed to do, then it may be a horse of another

LATEST TELEGRAMS

LONDON, 28th April. WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH TROOPS FROM THE SOUDAN. Preparations are being made for the withdrawal of the British Troops from the Soudan.

The House of Commons has agreed to Mr. Gladstone's motion for a vote of credit without a cordered him aloft, and as he had a bad arm he division and without discussion.

Mr. Gladstone, in introducing the motion, said that it was necessary, in view of the obligations we were under to the Ameer of Afghanistan, and plainant, instead of hadling it thut, was cursing

The English Press generally approves the credit, and it is considered that Mr. Gladstone's peaceful settlement of the dispute.

Renter's Office announces, on good authority from St. Petersburg, that war is there considered inevitable, and that the number of officers throughout the Russian army is being increased. HONOURS TO THE REMAINS OF

SIR HARRY PARKES We have already reported the arrival on (a.) -The Married Women's Disposition of Property of Sir Harry Parkes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. late British Minister to China on board en route for England. Yesterday fitting honours were paid to Anchises was reported to the Governor. His he struck him on the arm. Excellency placed himself in communication with General Cameron and Commodore Morant and, at his instance, the Naval and Military | Act; on three occasions for various offences. flags, as well as those at Government House lowered to half-mast. At noon fifteen minute guns (the salute to which the deceased was entitled while alive) were fired from the Victor Emanuel, and at half-past five p.m. another similar salute was fired by the Volunteer Artil run at a moment's notice. As time wore on the lerves a mark of respect for the late Representa-English hongs and on most of the English mer-

> ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE POLICE FORCE.

The annual inspection of the Hougkong Police Force was held yesterday afternoon, at the Police Compound. All the men (about 330 strong of all ranks) who could be spared Tuesday. duty were mustered, and at 4.45 p.m. were brought out into the compound drawn up in companies, each being in charge the mounted troopers were at the east end, the

trade yielded only small profits in 1884, and coal so as to get down to the bottom of the I am sure that you will stand firmly, shoulder in some cases losses, but with the revival in fire, and afterwards got from ten to twenty to ahoulder, with your brethren of the army. I the demand for tonnage which will matural. tens out of the ship. After this no more coal am equally confident that in time of peace you was taken out, but the cargo was turned over to | will never allow your military drill and discipline in China, the balance will again begin to of water had been thrown down, however, that my friends, let me hear you give three cheers come out on the right side. A diagram at oause of the fire is surmised to have been the Sikin and Chinese in your body will join heartily tached to the Harbour Master's report shows carelessness of some Chinese coolies who were with their English comrudes.

to 1884. In the first named year it was believed on oil lamp was overfurned. During Cameron and Com nodore Morant-2,500,000 tons. In 1872 it half risen to the morning Mr. Horspool, Deputy Superinten. After the address to the unservices of a period of life when friendship is dent of the Fire Brigsde, paid the ship a virit, conducted the party over the Police Barracks, most tenscious (which in this case synchronized 3,750,000 tons, after which it fell off for a and Commodore Morant was also there for a short | where all the departments were inspected, and | with that of his greatest activity and rising the men were then dismissed.

POLICE COURT. 29th April.

BEFORE MR. H. E. WODEHOUSE. ALLEGED ARUBE BY A CONSTABLE.

Chinese P.C. No. 221 was summoned by Leong Ming Ting, clerk to Messrs. Wotton and Descon, on a charge of laving used abusive language to him calculated to cause a breach of the peace, on the 26th inst.

The complainant and a friend named John Sun Shing, a clerk in the Hongkong Dispensary, stated that on Sunday they were walking on the road to Aberdeen when they passed the defendant and an Indian constable. The latter had a revolver in his hands, and as they passed among themselves in English about the danger of handling fire arms in this way, and said if the weapon had exploded the charge then, one of them would have been killed. The defendant abused them for this and used threatening language until the Indian constable interfered and

stopped him. The defendant said the complainants were be having in the read in a manner which caused him to remonstrate with them, as it was Sunday, and ladies frequently came by. They abused him until the Indian constable came up and sent

The case was dismissed, and the second witness, having frequently used the expression "foreign devil" in his evidence, was fined \$2. ALLEGED FRAUD.

Chan Akin, coolie, was charged with having

peen concerned with two others, not in custody in obtaining a jacket and a pair of trensers by means of false pretences from a coolie named Li Kum Tse, on the 28th inst. Li Kum Tse stated that the defendant and two others played the ring trick on him. One of the men dropped a sham gold ring in the street, and another picked it up and offered to go shares with him in the good thing. The The Courier reporter has interviewed an third man came up and wanted a share, and the eminent naval authority at present in Shanghai two induced him to go and pawn the ring so as part of the world in case war is declared, and so, however, they required him to give security and as he had nothing else to give them, he dis point. After this place is taken-of its full he robed himself of a portion of his attire, and gave seems to have no doubt-it will be garrisoned by it them to hold. He then went into the shop where the ring was at once pronounced a sham Lowthian proceed to seize all Russian, vessels that may and he went out in search of the parties holding his coat and trousers. They had disappeared but some time later he found the defendant, and caused him to be arrested. The prisoner had three previous convictions

recorded against him and he was committed to take his trial at the Supreme Court. MARINE COURT.

29th April. BEFORE COMMANDEE RUMSET, R.N.

CHARGES OF ASSAULTS UPON SEAMEN. David Flack chief mate of the British ship Hindostan, was summoned by Edward Max. John Nolan, John Swanston, William Sanders, and William Piper, seamen of the same vessel on charges of associting them on various dates on board the ship while on the high seas on the voyage from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Sanders stated that on one occasion the chief ENGLAND, RUSSIA, AND AFGHANIS. mute sent him on the main royal yard to bend a new royal, and while he was doing this on the yard the mate gave the brace a jerk which almost shook him off. On another occasion the mate said he could not go, whereupon the mate took him by the neck and pushed him along. The defendant said that he did let go the weather royal brace by mistake, and the com-

> hold of the man and shook him, but did not Swanston stated that the mate struck him knocked him down, and beat his head against

firmness is indicative of but faint hopes of a the bulwarks because he was unable to haul the port fore topsail brace taut, and Piper corrobo-Max said he was struck and knocked down by the mate for no reason

Piper said he had been three times assaulted by the mate, who had accused him of smoking in the forecastle and whom he denied, knocked him down and then struck him on the head with a broomstick. On another occasion the mate kicked him and later on the captain stopped him as he was assulting complainant again There were also charges against Capt. William Tuesday night of the Ocean Steam Ship Co.'s Boyle Minchin, the master of the vessel, of assteamer Anchises from Shanghai with the remains | saulting John Claser, and threatening John Casev, also seamen of the Hindostan on the

at the wheel, and the captain came to him and his memory. So soon as the arrival of the senid he had let the vessel go off her course, and Capt. Minchin denied the assault.

Casey said the captain had called him a dirty low our, and had threatened to smash his head The captain denied having used the threats those at the different Consulates, were alleged, but said he had sharply reproved the man for addressing bad language to a first class passenger, and he had also had to turn him from the wheel for bad steering.

Both cases were dismissed His Worship was of opinion that a very unsatisfactory state of things existed on board the Hindostan. The mate was not sufficiently careful in his dealing with the men, and the men were dissatisfied and inclined to make prievances ont of very minor matters. The mate appeared to have offered violence at times to the crew, as shown in the case of William Piper and John Swanston, and he would be fined 35 in each of those cases. Most of the complainants had just finished serving a term of seven days' imprisonment for refusal of duty.

REFUSAL OF DUTY. Charles Wilson, acting boatswain of the Hindostan, was charged with refusal of duty or Capt. Minchin said the defendant was absent

from the ship without leave last Thursday, and the next time he saw him was on Monday, when he met him outside the Harbour Office. Complainant ordered him on board, and the man went with him. On Tuesday morning he came aft, said he wanted to leave the ship, and refused The defendant admitted the charge, but said he had been ill used on board. Ordered to be imprisoned for a week, or until the ship sailed.

DEATH OF MR A. A. DA ROCHA, OF THE H. C. & M. STEAMBOAT CO.

CONTRIBUTED. Fourteen months ago the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company suffered the serions loss of its capable and valued Secretary, other of the most experienced and reliable of its His Excellency and party walked down the subordinate officials died here suddenly a few on board the vessel, and there being no steam lines and inspected the men, and when this was hours ago, after a service still longer than that time, however, appliances were at hand. The in three sides of a hollow square, in the centre of well as Chinese in the South of Chine. During the period of 30 years Mr. da Rocha had filled the responsible post of pursar of steamers plying upon this river, enjoying the confidence of the mercantile community, including all nationalities: and so conciliating the Chinese passengers generally, as to promote the interests of his em-

> Greatly esteemed by his own countrymen, he has also long had the friendly regard of the older. He was the son of I leading Senator of Macao, when in its prime half a century ago, who, beside

imparting to his son his own high-minded charact tor, had the wisdom to bestow upon him a good The experience of 30 years enables me to contribute this slight tribute to his memory. Canton, 28th April, 1885.

CORRESPONDENCE

expressed by our Correspondents.] ly follow upon an improved state of affairs see if there was any trace of fire. Such a quantity to interfere with your civil duties. And now, A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BESTISH Mr. Toeg's Herschel MINISTER TO CHINA TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DALCE PRESS." SIE, -As a slight contribution to the general

manifestations of respect shown for the memory at a glance the total amount of shipping on- engaged during nearly the whole of the night . Having given three cheers for Her Majesty, of Sir Harry Parkes and of participation in the leved at Hongkong for each year from 1867 than the dunnage was found to be on fire, it is lency the Governor, and three more for General and country by his premature death, I inscribe to his memory and new send to you some remi 

scope to cherished associations of thought, re-lieving the heart-pressure of the, sudden shock received through the throbbing wires, and spineing the mind as conventional expression

The period covered by the reminiscences, you will observe, was when the British Plenipotentiaries lived at Hongkong, and the Imperial Commissioners within the walls of Canton, where no foreigner could penetrate. - I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

GIDEON NYE. Canton, 24th April, 1885.

SIE HARRY PARKES. 1842 to 1862. I saw thee first in old Macao Where mounts the hill its ivi'd wall,

And Guin's fort looks down on all Who saunt ring forth the town to flee, May breathe the air from ocean free; As thou wert then; I see thee now! As from thy face life's morning shone; I hon wort but adolescent then, Lighting with smiles the paths of men,

Were match'd by looks of golden hue; Thy apan of life but half mine own. A decade pass'd, fast friends were we, In Old Canton, the mart of tea And home of social courtesy: That decade sped, then wort full-grown

Thy cheeks of woman's ros'ate glow

And agile consciousness of duty. Soon dark ring blonds of civil strife Swept o'er the sky of China's life And Europe's hosts in war's array Swelled the tide of deep dismay To denizons of commerce's mart; Thyself exempt from strife and smart.

Of stature, as of mental brawn

And ere long the prescient Bowring Flatteringly summored thes To M'ang Thais "Kingdom of the Free" Whore garnering geographic lore And diplomatic fame, full-store,

Made reception home a welcom'ng. But greater gain without alloy Was thing to win and ours to see In thy home-fraught felicity; Just on the then half decade flown Thy givil fame had well made known,

Was thy roward is wedded joy. . None other yet; but "bide thy time," 'For season fit,' she whisper'd him : Unconscious withor woman's whim? The stroke was nearer than she thought, Insensate hate its mischief wrought To seek and precipitate the prime.

'Twas then thy valour shone abroad; Wield'r of the pen that points the sword Of a master in astutoness Yot shunning peril's path the less If duty pointed thitherward, As at "French Folly" the van to lead.

Twas then thy heroic life began; The hour had struck; thou wert the man To choke cruelty's thirst for blood, Order evolve from chaos' flood, Stop "man's inhuman'ty to man't Conforming thus to Heaven's plan.

Thy story thence is told in prose-The Muse of history so well knows, Of greater fame in nower fields; Ours still of constant perils yields And "struggles with duplicity" I More dangerous than open foes.

I essay not the higher theme Of the conscention supreme T' duty, mid cruel turpitude, Griovous torture and travail sore,— That thy Country recalls evermore. Lauding thy fortitude sublime!,

Free." Sir Harry, from his semmand of the Canton collequial and general capacity, was the cilicent assistant negotiator of Sir John Bowring's Treaty with the King of Siam in 1855; and the hearer of it to London, where he was made a F.R.G.S. after reading a paper upon Siam returning thence in 1856, after marriage, and taking the ratified Treaty to the King at Bang.

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order to seize the Imperial Commissioner's (Yeh's) proclamations' offering rowards for fareigners' heads, before the retiring carrieon should remore them or blow up the fort and thus deprive him of the proofs he was seeking of the sangulary character of Esh's hostility. Sir Harry was successful; but astrowly excaped death from the explosion of the magazine of the fort, his whisters and erebrows being burnt off, as I saw I Queted from his letter dated as Canton. March 31st. 1858.

> SHANGHAI SPRING BACES. By TELEGEARH.

Third Day, 29th April. A private telegram received in town yesterday and kindly placed at our disposal, gives the following results of the running :--

The PIPER CUP, value Tis. 150, presented by A. Myburgh, Esq., for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 5lbs.; winners of a Race, 4lbs. levé. extra; two or more Races, 7lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a half. Mr. Stephen's Oriole ....

The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value Tis. 100, vettes disappear towards evening. Voila! the for ponies that have run at this meeting; blockade is raised! Hoo-ray! weight for inches as per scale; winner of one Race at this meeting under a mile, 716s extra; two guch Races, 10lbs. extra; entrance, Tis. 5. Seven furlongs.

added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; for entry, that have run and not won a Race; 30 per cent.; third pony, 20 per cent. of the Stakes: weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Toeg's Vesta.

The CHAU-SHANG KIUK CUP, value Tls. 500 Co., of Shanghai; for China ponies that have never run at any meeting in China or Hongkong previous to date of entry at each meet- will be time to drop the pon and go on in the ing; to be won at two consecutive meetings nanel way, hoping that for the next decade at by ponies, the bond fide property of the same least the peace and comfort of British residents owner or owners; weight for inches as par here will not be disturbed by our Gallic friends scale; entrance. Tls. 10; to be paid to the winner until the Cup is finally won, when the again. They have made a most frightful mess second popy will receive the entrance fees. of this Formosa business which nobody can One mile. Mr. Mat. Dawson's Cnokoo.

The YANGTSZE STATES, value Tis. 100, for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Race Club Cup, 5lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles. Mr. Kesteven's Chartreuse

entrance, Tls. 5. Once round. Mr. Moran's Moon all other ponies that have run at this meeting. not exceeding 14 hands in height; weight for

Tuarter. Mr. Paul's Piccadilly Mr. St. Andrew's Bandsman ......

at per scale; winners of a Steeplenhase at a Course selected by the Stewards.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. TAMBUI; 12th April ... Beautiful weather, but hot; Therm. 78, Bur. by a vessel, name unknown. 13th April. -

the size of H.M.S. Scrapis, passed the port on nese, ought to be called on to indemnify her way to Kelung; her decks were covered with 'us. We are allowed by Treaty to trade here; men. A report from Kelung states that on Sa. it was no fault of ours that the war was waget. turday, the 11th, there were nine ships in port; The trade was stopped by the belligeren! also that Admiral Courtet had returned and therefore the belligerents ought to recoup us for had issued a notification to the non-combatant loss of business. If not, it would appear to us townspeople urging them to return to Kelung that we are trading here under false pretences and to their occupations; that they would not be and under the terms of a Treaty which can be molested in any way, &c., &c. This report abrogated in part by any nation choosing to pick comes from Chinese sources. Two corvettes are up a quarrel with China. Of course such matters rived this morning and there are said to be two are for the consideration of the Higher Authomore ships to the northward of the second downs. rities and they will be guided by international Thundering all the afternoon; storm brewing; laws and customs. No one here, we are dertain, very hot; Therm. 81, Bar. 30.40. The storm would beg for an indemnity, but if we are onburst in the evening, the rain came down in titled to or have a right to any compensation torrents all night. The new ship which replaced for loss of husiness, the higher authorities will the Duguay-Trouin has disappeared; a French settle the question no doubt in our favoregunboat was seen passing to the South. The Chinese say that Swatow and Amoy are now Chinese or French, we should have been paid; blockaded.

Raining and blowing in the morning from thereof likewise? The destruction of a house or north-east. Cleared up towards noon. Two godown is a trifle compared with the stoppage corvettes outside, anchored a very long way out. There is a bar on to-day. Chinese report that the French are embarking troops at Kelung and shipping telegraph wire, &c., &c., and are making 73, Bar. 30.41. No ship outside. The bimboo preparations to leave the place. This sounds bridge across the river is rapidly distant wings very "official" and tranquillizing, too much so after the heavy rain a few nights back, put of to be true. What will they next circulate, when it gave way, and was seen floating up the river the trooper is reported to have lauded her one past the gunboat. Notwithstanding that the trooper is reputational to fifteen hundred men, say.

15th April.

Fine, bright day much cooler after the an obstruction in course of erection at Sand storm; Therm. 72 in the shade, Bar. 30.40. It is Point. The Customs hoisted their flag on the a month since the Swift was here, her return is 16th, and the same day General Scon's flag was anxiously looked for by all. If the news received seen flying over what is called his head-quarters. overland from Taiwanfoo is true, that the Russians have withdrawn their troops from Afghanistan, in secondance with England's request, then we may expect to be visited again by one of H.M.'s gun-vessels. The officers of the gunboat | Wanderer's lost mail. Letters bearing date even have been reduced to tea for some weeks, the Swift bringing very few stores last trip. Cockchafer will leave us soon. General Soon Flour will last very little longer; the last allowance of tobacco has been served out. Food is They will possibly, remove certain torpedoes plentiful enough, but in an enervating climate likewise. Tea is being shipped over the bar, and like that of Tamedi, something more than tea or condensed water is required to keep one in health.

Yesterday afternoon a merchant vessel was seen steaming towards the port; as she approached the shipping, it was discovered to be the Hailoung. What could be the meaning of the Hailsong coming to Tameni ? Figs must have declined or advanced in price, or something must have happened The eagle eyes of our Harbour Master are on her ; he adjusts a long telescope. Steady, he says, the flags are speaking. What do they say? what? can it really be sof yest not yes! There is no knock off work alongside, the Na not and Haidoubt about it—the signal is, is,—(ch! it is too loong. The Cockchafer ran up her blue poter much of a good thing)—oh, dear! hold me up! soon after 1 p.m., and at about 3 p.m. she gently now! Say it again! "The blockade is rais- steamed slowly out of port; passing through an ed"! Shoutsof gladness rent theair. Come on board opening in the bamboo bridge, going very ginthe Cockchafer; let us see what the signal man gerly over the sunken junks and torpedoes, and says there. Hot signal man, what say you? Tom | finally got over the bar, when up went her sails, Bowling replied, "Avast there! Splice the main and the last we saw of her was steaming and brace! Yo ho, lads, ho! By the soul of Nelson, sailing before a north-east breeze direct for I swear the signal runs.—"The blockade is Hongkong. As she left her auchorage flage raised!" Hurrah! hip, hip, hurrah! Pipe all were dipped, cannons were fired, in reply to hands and let us be merry! Every one echoed which the signal went up "Adieu." The Cocklet's to the time of "God save our Gracious chafer has been here very nearly nine months; Queen!" The feeling of happiness has not been all on board were glad to get out of Tamsui; all experienced by any of ne for many weary months, on shore felt very sorry at their departure. The We now know what the word really means. No Namoa and Hailoung are both postponed till to end of main braces were spliced. The Hailoung morrow. Foreigners are thinking of going up was brought to in the usual way (a shot across her the river to-morrow. Tea is beginning to come bows). She was ordered to anchor to the south down very freely now, but how we are to pack of the corvette. A boat was seen to board her, the toas is the difficulty. The following notice and before you could say "Rule Britannis," she was issued to-day :must have been news to the French even, and it is thought that the Hailoong had been referred to Admiral Courbet supposed to be at Makung. This morning a French vessel came from the South.

An officer of the Cockchafer went out, and boarded the Magon. Letters from Admiral Courbet to the Consul and Captain Boteler were delivered. The following notification is sent round to the Residents:-H.B.M.'s Consulate TAMSUL, 16th April, 1985

The undersigned has to-day received the accom-panying notification by Admiral Courbot of the raising of the blockade of Formosa. A. FRATER, Officiating Consul. "Notification de levée de Blooms." Note soussigné Viue Amiral Courbet, Commandau en chef los feross Navales Françaises dans l'extrême

Orient. Vu les preliminaires de paix portant armis-tices, qui viennant d'être signés à Faris. Le Blocus de la côte et de Porte de Formose est A bord du Bayard. Port Makung, lo 15 Avril, 1835.

A trooper seen passing south; the two dor-

The Chinese officials have been informed the armistice, but General Scon must wait for leave, but it cannot be arranged in a day. officials must be allowed to masticate the news. The Namoa is expected, and Chinese official China ponies, bond fide griffins at date of despatches may arrive by her. Then the bar may be opened, the link between us and the outer first pony to receive 50 per cent ; second pony. | world may be joined once more. We have the chains around us yet, so to speak, but we know that the shackles will be broken soon, and that we shall be free. What a depth of meaning there is in that little word "free !" Events are nearly at end now that the French ships have cleared out, but we will pontinue them until matters have settled down and trade is resumed here; then it

No signs of the Cockchafer getting up steam. structions must come from his own Government, officer went up to Lok-taw a few days back, and not from the French. 'Admiral Courbet's cor- although the Chinese soldiers would have it that respondence and notifications have been communicated to him, and the French ships have civil to him, allowing him to visit Wan Wan ponies that have run at this meeting and not departed. The French Admiral established the and to go about wherever he liked. won a Race; weight for inches as per scale; blockede and now notifies its removal. "Le blocus de la côte et de ports de Formose est levé, I what is clearer than that? "We always thought The CHAMPION Sweepstanes, a forced entry that red tape was a monopoly of English Gofor winners; optional for the winner of the vornment officials. We now believe that China-Roadsters' Plate or the Consolation Cup, and was the birthplace of Red Tapelsm, and that it travelled in a westerly direction. It amounts to inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 10; winners this, that the Cockchafer is detained at Tameni Imperial Maritime Customs, thus reviews the of two Races. The 15 extra; of more than at a time when her services are argently required two Baces, Tla 40 extra. One mile and a elsewhere. What has become of the Hailoung and The condition of affairs in China during 1884 where is the Namoa, which was said to be on her has been advantageous' for trade, excepting in way to Tameni? It is blowing a north-easter. which makes it coclar and pleasanter. Our and the "state of reprisals" akin to wer. Piccadilly won this race after running in the patience has been tree for months, the "blocus" Tangueze Stakes. There were fifteen starters, has stopped all treat for close on six months, away a ble months succeeded one another, but and Councillor, Dankeld, and Bandsman were and now that it has been reised by the French. the Chinese keep the port closed, stopping trade | China must have had "a very good year," and The GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, value as much as ever. Who will compensate us for even as it is one is constantly impressed with the Tls. 150, for China ponies; weight for inches all the loss sustained at Kelung since the 1st well-estisted tone which porvades nearly every this or any previous meeting in Shanghai. August last and at Twatnia, since the 1st one of the Reports from the Trusty Posts for this or any previous meeting in Shanghai. August last and at Twatnia, since the 1st From the North we are to I of abundant 10the, extra; entrance, Tis. 5. Twice Round October P. On the strength of our Trenty with China, Britishers settle down at the ports in and of popular discontent; and a like account

godowns; and ten hongs; they assist in building up a trade which brings money into this part of the Empire of China and adds to the royand more and more every year. Without any warn. ing, trade is stopped, foreigners have to leave 30.50; the Duguay-Trouin was relieved to-day Kolung, afterwards Twatutia, and business comes to a stand for eight months at Kelung and six months at Twatutia.

Another fine day. A big French trooper, about | Some one, either the French or Chi-

/If our properties had been destroyed by the therefore, if our business is destroyed temporarily, ought we not to be paid for the loss of one's business.

18th April Still blowing from the north-east. Ther. "Blocus est love," the Chinese soldiers werd seen yesterday on the south side of the river at

19th and 20th April. No occurrence of any importance bayand the arrival of the Halloons and Namos. No and of mails have come on shore, amongst then the November and December only to hand now. The will give orders to have an opining made for her. cargo is being lauded from both steamers. The Chinese are rather suspicious about the French the port will not be regularly opened to admit vessels until the Treaty is signed. After the Cockehafer leaves the bar will be blocked up again; only a small space will be left for cargo boats. The prospects of peace have created quite an excitement here, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Treaty will be signed and that the war will and.

It came on to blow a little and bills had to

The undersigned yesterday received in tractions rom H.M.'s Minister at Peking to inform the British abjects at this port that the French Government having notified their intention to treat as contraband rice destined for Chinese ports north of Canton-M.'s Government have informed the French Government that they do not admit the right of the latter to treat rice generally as contraband. Leet it may be thought that the above information now needless the undersigned has to state that the French Government have instructed Admiral Courtet to preserve during the present armistice the right to

and contraband of war. (3d.) A. FRATER Officiating Consul Wet day. All quiet at Tamsui and all well

soarch Chinese and neutral vessels and to seize rice

Blowing still, and the Namoo and Hailsong are detained in consequence. Cargo from steamers going up the giver, and junks which have been lying idle for over six months are now preparing to go to sea-

Soldiers are kept at work still; the few one meets have a merry twinkle in their eyes, as much as to say, we have "seen" them and "raised" them. There were demonstrations of joy up at Twatutia by the Chinese shopksepers when the news of the armistice arrived, but down here there have been none whatever. We instructions. The Cockchafer is in a hurry to trust that the papers will leave the Franch and Chinese alone, and not lash the former into fury, and so cause more bloodshed. Foreigners are going back to Twatutis Again. New tons are arriving frealy. Rice has been very dear, and the poorer class of Chinese have suffered a good deal; the wealthy holders running the price up more and more daily. We understand their rapacity was checked or was going to be checked by the mandarins, a fixed price being made. more than which they were not to be allowed to demand. Now that the port is opened the price will decline naturally. If the war had lasted much longer, riots in the country would have taken place, it is said—the poor v. the rich. All this will be obvioted now, and we trust things will settle down into the old groove and that peace and quietness will reign once more.

There are, it is said, one French prisoner Banca and two or three desorters at Tai-peb to The deserters are said to belong to the Foreign Legion. They get \$30 per month, I am told. The prisoner at Banca gets \$8 per month and General Soon will not open the port yet. In amuses himself by cleaning guns. A Customs he was a Frenchman, they were very kind and

> Steamers still outside: weather moderating; Bar. 1 30.50, Therm. 79. REPORT ON THE FOREIGN TRADE OF

CHINA FUR THE YEAR 1884. Mr. E. B. Drow, Statistical Secretary of the volume of Customs Reports two respects, viz., the financial uncertainty among the Chinese-a legacy of the year before The first of these disadvantages gradually wore the second prayailed steadily and with increasing harmful effect. But for the warlike operations, harvests, and the absence of the dreaded flood.

Tchang, which reports failure of Rice crops in was not the case in the province of Canton. The 12-5ths per cent. There remain some 50 dif-production of Tea was everywhere unhampered ferent articles, no one of which by itself repreby special disadvantages, such as bad weather or sents two thirds of a million taels.

show reports testify. unfavourable to foreign merchants in China; was Hk; Tls. 324,30; in 1882 it was Hk. T Bilk especially, though never cheaper in China, 281.20; in 1883, Hk. Tls. 286.70; and in 1884

view is, in round numbers, Hk. Tls. 72,760,000. ference when the sums compared are so large, should be examined.

with those of the year before last (1882), we find that there has been a falling off of Hk. Tis. 5,000,000 in all, i.e., from Hk. Tls. 77,700,000 to Hk. Tls. 72,700,000. The decline between these two years lies to only a slight degree in opium and cettons, but for the most part in woollens, metals, and sundries. Since 1882 woollens imported have lost (taking values as the criterion) 24 per cent ; metals, 12 per cent: ; and sandries,

Opium -The net quantity of Foreign Opium -all kinds together-which has been imported through the Foreign Customs varies but little from that of the years 1882 and 1883, i.e., the amount of this drug brought into China has now remained stationary for three years. examination as to the share taken by each kind separately reveals that Maiwa has not fallen off -it has, if anything, gained a little in quantity -during the past five years; Patha, of which 16,500 piculs were imported in 1880, has dropped off to 13,600 piculs; Benares, likewise, has

picule in the year under review. the condition of matters in this trade we must as derived from our returns:deduct the value of the yarn and thread from the total of cotton goods on page 8 of the Returns: cotton aloth in 1881, Hk. Tis. 21.800,000; in Cotton yarn and thread have iner cond very remanerative to producers. anagally step by step, without relapse, so to twice the quantity and value of the year 1878. [1831] by a million tales. Coming to Cotton Cloth properly so called,

we find that some few kinds hold their own from year to year without varying much on the whole in either direction; under this class should be placed Grey and White Shirtings and T-Cloths. The quantity of the first-named imported was about the same in 1884 as in 1883, but the falling off since 1882 is from 5.270,000 pieces to 4.300,000pieces. White Shirtings have, it is true, inreased largely over the importation of 1885 and | Knang Provinces. 1832, but the quantity for the year under review [ average of the three preceding years.

ground: they evince no steady gain.

Metals.—Of copper and iron, in the various eyes with a knife, injuring him se severely that forms in which they are imported, the fluctuation he died. tacks each year; but in the year under review it officer upon the same subject:

is somewhat under the lower of these limits. The Memorialist commences by giving a short The following seven articles may be regarded as description of the manner in which the Hupei port mentions the large quantity sent inland principal receiving port. The import of Matof Needles, which averaged 1,933,000 mills in the years 1880, 1831, and 1892, fell to 1,543,000 more imparative is the necessity of condign milles in 1883, and has only risen to 1,712,000 milles in 1884, despite the already small impor- fame are at stake, and people are separated from tation of the year before. Of Window Glass their own flesh and blood !. the import was very small in 1834.—following a large quantity for the mevious year. And, preceding years, notably Bicho de Mar, Birds'

wood, and Japan Tes. .. million taels. As compared with 1882, the value in degree than that of their confreres in Hupel. of the Exports in 1884 shows scarcely any dif- The Momorialist would therefore pray that

Share of Chief Articles in the Trade. To the issue a general order to all the provinces that all Szechwan and some distress there. The Hk. Tis 67,000,000 which represents the value harvests of Rice and Cotton in the lower Yang- of China's Exports in Foreign vessels in 1884, above nature shall be summarily put to death. the valley and about Shanghai and Ningpo have Row Silk has contributed 234 per cent. Refuse been very plentiful. The crop of Native Opium Silk, 2; per cont.; Silk-Piece Goods, 61; Black seems to have been a large one everywhere, from Ton, 31; Green Ten, 61; and Brick Ten, 21. the North to the South-west. The yield of Silk | Sugars represent Hk. Tls. 3,860,000, or 5 7-10ths in North China was very good both in quantity per cent. Straw Braid, Hk. Tls. 1,954,000, or and quality, though, it must be added, the like S per cent.; and Hides, Hk. Tls. 961,000, or

disturbances. The Sugar crop of Formesa and Silk.—In 1879 and 1880 the export of Rasall the mainland of South China was excellent, Silk was 76,000 and 78,000 picula respectively and the Rice crop in Kwangtung was exception- but in the years 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884 th ally good, as the Swatow, Canton; and Kinng- annual quantity exported has varied but litt from 60,000 picula regularly. The value, how On the other hand, the condition of the Silk ever, has been declining slawly; according and Black Tea-markets in Europe has boon our Roturns, the average value per picul in 18 has not been cheap enough to range within the was so low as Hk. Tls. 259.20. Four-fifths a low prices prevailing in Europe.

Imports.—Total values for 1884 compared with from Canton; of the Refuse Silk, 26,300 picul 1883.—The total value of the net import into were experted from Shanghai, and 8,700 from China by foreign vessels in the year under re- Canton; and of the Silk Piace Goods, 1,600 view is, in round numbers, Hk. Tls. 72,760,000, picule went from Shanghai, and 7.100 from which amount is below the import trade of 1883 Canton. For comments on the Silk trade of by less than a million taels,—a very trifling dif- 1884, the Reports from Shanghai and Canton

A perusal of the table on pages 8 and 9 of the Abstract of Statistics appended to this report piculs in 1880, and since that time it has graduwill show that the total value of the opium of ally fallen each year, till in 1884 it amounted to years, and that a like remark would hold good ated for our Returns, has declined from Hk. of most of the other main divisions of the table. Tls 17.60 in 1880 to Hk. Tls. 14.80 in 1884 viz., cotton goods, woollen goods, miscellancons The ports and quantities of export are as follows, piece goods, metals, and sundries; under these in round numbers, viz. Foochow, 595,000 piculs; heading the differences between the two years Hankow, 375,000 piculs; Shanghai, 234,000; are but trifling in importance, excepting in the case of metals, the value of which in 1884 shows 97,000; and Swatow, 7;500 piculs. In most of a falling off of 12 per cent. as compared with 1883. the Reports from the ports just named will be found particulars of the Tea trade of 1884; and similar manner, we compare the imports of 1884 | the Reports from Kinking, Ningpo, and Tamsui should also be examined for information on this subject.

The export of green too, 202,500 pionls, is exceptionally large; only twice before within 10 the end of the month. years has the quantity surpassed 200,000 piculs. Nearly all this is exported abroad from Shanghal, though, as is well known, it first comes to Shanghai from Kinking and Ningpo. The valuation per picul in 1884, Hk. Tla. 21.75, is a very little higher than usual; Hk. Tis. 20.42 was the valuation in 1883. The results of the year's

business have been favourable. Straw Braid.—The export of straw braid has increased from 36,000 pionis in 1879 to 78,000 in 1884.—a great advance. It is at Tientsin rather At Chefoo there has been no retrogression, it is true, but at Tientsin the increase yearly is very merked, as is pointed out in the Tientsin report. Sugars.—The export of sugars was very great in 1883 as compared with preceding years, and dropped steadily for the last three years, i.e., in 1834 the increase continues. The principal from 18,000 piculs (a large importation) to exporter of white sugar is Swatow, with 320,000 12,400 piculs; and the Opinin described in our piculs; next follows Kiungchow, with 67,000 China Fire Insurance Company's Shares-\$66 tables as "other kinds," i.e., Persian and Turkey, piouls; Takow, with 56,000; Pakhol, with 26,000; has dealined from 6,500 piculs in 1881 to 4,400 and Canton, with 25,000. The chief exporters Hongkong and Whampos Dock Company's of brown sugar are Takow, with 628,000 piculs; Cotton Goods -- It cannot be said that Euro- Kinnigchow, with 138,000; and Swatow, with Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s pean and American manufactured cotton cloth, 116,000; from Canton, Pakhoi, and Amoy the strictly so called has been as a whole increasing | quantity exported is still less. Amoy is the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Sharesin consumption in China during the last four chief producer of the sugar candy. The followyears, the reverse is rather the truth. To show ing are the prices per picul of sugars exported,

1879, 1880, 1891, 1882, 1883, 1884. the result is as follows: Value of manufactured Brown sugar Hk. Tis. 2,43 2.30 2.23 2.40 2.16 1.77 White sugar Hk. Tls. 4.84 4.45 4.16 4 3.96 3.53 1882. His. Tis. 18,200,000: in 1883. His. Tis. It will be observed that the value of Sugars has Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$160 per fitted out as cruisors. The body of Sir Harry 16,800,000; in 1884, Hk. Tls. 16,500,000. It is fallon about 27 per cent. The reports from only the yearly gain in the importation of yarn | Taxow, Swatow, and Kinngchow will be found China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$100 England, and yesterday minute guns were and thread that maintains the total at a steady | to afford many details of the year's trade. The level of a little above Hk. Tls. 22.000.000. crops were large, but prices could not have been China Sagar Refining Company (Debentures)-Repences.—The Revenue, Hk. Tls. 13,510,712, speak; the import in 1884 was 261,000 pionic, is greater than it was in 1883 by . Hk. Tis. worth Hk. Tls. 5,584,000, which is more than | 221,000; it is below the highest collection (year |

THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN IN CHINA.

The following appears in the N. C. Daily News's translations from the Policing Guietto:-February 24th and 25th.-(1) A sub-memorial Hongkong Bone Manufacturing Company, Lifrom Pica Pao-ti, Governor General of the Hu

The kidnapping of woman for the purpose of is 13 per cont. less than the large importation | selling them is, the Manbrishet says, one of the (2,100,000 pieces) of the year 1881. T-Cloths chief of the evils ander which the province of show an exceptionally small importation, say Hupei labours. The prevalence of this vice was 2,000,000 pieces, -s fall of 23 per cent from the brought to His Majesty's notice some five years ago by a Consor, and the result of the orders Again there are some kinds of goods which then issued by the Throne was the arrest of seem to be losing favour with consumers; for eleven criminals of this class, upon whom the example, Drills, especially, which were imported extreme penalty of the law was duly inflicted. in the period 1879-82 at the rate of about a Several further cases of the abduction of women million pieces a year, have dropped in 1883 and having occurred during the past four years in 1884 to half a million pieces. Some goods, how- Han-yang and An-in Prefectures, the Memoriever, are gaining in demand. Sheetings have alist gave orders that the haunts of the permounted slowly till the import now represents petrators of these crimes should be discovered almost a million pieces. Similarly, the manu- and searched by an armed force, the result befactures classed in our Returns as "Chintzes, ing the capture of three criminals who confessed Furnitures, and Cotton Prints" have risen in to acts of abduction. One of them, when on his mantity steadily from 223,000 pieces in 1882 to trial, admitted that he had sold a girl from I-ch'eng \$63,000 pieces in 1884; and "Cotton Goods, Un- Hsien in the year 1869, that he had joined in a represent more than a million taels in burglary the following year, and that last year value, which is twice as much as in previous he had been concerned with another man in kidnapping a married woman; being instrumental, Woollen, Goods.—The quantity of English also, in the sale of several score of women who camlets imported is the highest for many years, had been kidnapped. He finally deposed that in excepting 1881; these goods alone represent in the 3rd moon of the present year. Chang To-value more than a quarter of all the woollens, yin, a certain police officer who had come to the Spanish stripes have declined since 1882 from district to make enquiries about the kidnappers. 64,000 pieces to 50,000 pieces. Cloth (broad, | was sitting one day in the house of one of his, the medium, and habit, and Russian) have dropped prisoner's, relatives. Suspecting what the object 50 per cent. since 1881 and 1882. Lastings and of the man's visit was, he and a number of his Long Ells may be said merely to hold their confederates seized the man, carried him off to another place, and there gouged out both his

tions have been too trifling to call for comment: Another of the prisoners confessed that he was The quantity of pig lead imported is by much a member of a Secret Society which had for its the lowest for many years, and this, too, follow- object the sale of human beings, and that he had ing upon a small importation in 1883. Tin in effected the sale of some dezen and more women slabs has suddenly declined from a regular au- atdifferent times. Similar confessions were made nual average of 69,200 piculs to 58,500 piculs. by the third prisoner, and in accordance with the Sundries.—The total value of the 33 articles regulation sanctioned by His Majesty, orders were mentioned by name under the sundries heading given for the summary execution of all three. on page 9 is usually from 111 to 131 millions of (2).—A further Memorial from the same high

the most important under the sundries heading, kidnappers pursue their neferious calling, to viz., raw cotton, coal, oil, seaweed, matches, gin- various branches of which they give special seng, and timber. These taken together representance. There is, for instance, the "lay" known sent upwards of 6; millions of taels. The raw as shut hue lu, or "water line of business," the cotton imported contributes a value not far men engaged in which moor their boats in the short of two millions of taels. The quantity rivers and creeks. Any unfortunate woman who imported in 1884, though less then in the year takes passage in one of these boats is at once 1883, was greater than the annual average; the carried off and nothing more is heard of her. If she is accompanied by her husband or any of her the quantity taken-Canton, Amoy, Swatow, male folks, these are in the majority of instances Pakhoi, and Kinngchow. The import of coal is mordered. Those who pursue the han huo lu, Hair the largest for many years; Shanghai receives by or "land line of business," either forcibly ab- Hos far the greatest share of it, and next in order duct their victims or entire them away by fraud. come Chefor and Swatow. The oil imported is The husbands of the women are often compelled Nag mostly Keresene; Shanghai is the chief receiver. also to sell their wives, who, when once they The value of the year's import of Oil was fall into the hands of the kidnappers, have Hk. Tis. 500,000, in round numbers; in 1881, and to obey the will of their masters, whether Hk. Tis. 826,000 in 1884. The increase at it be to pander to their captor's lusts or to Chafco is worthy of cotice; and the Reports acquiesce in the sale of their persons to any purfrom all the river ports excepting Ichang con- chaser who may come forward. When no force tain comments on the again which Keresene is is required to cause the women to do their bidmaking in Central China. The Shanghai Redding they call it a "literary process"; when force is used it is termed the "military process." under Transit Pass; and attention is called to Under such a condition of things domesticity the import at Ningpo, Tamsui, Swatow, Kiung- becomes a source of anxiety, and the honour of chow, and Paktoi on the Reports from women is no longer safe. Nothing could be a those places. At Foochow the importation greater blot upon morality, a greater outrage of has fallen off, the use of Kerosene having the law than such acts as these, and it becomes a been forbidden by the Chinese authorities matter of imperative duty to publish the offend. The value of the Timber imported is less than ers with extreme severity. Robbery with viohalf the usual yearly total; Shanghai is the lence is punishable by death, both in the case of principals and accessories, even when no muider ches has declined from 1,900,000 gross in 1882 has been committed. If such heavy punishment to about 1,200,000 gross in 1884. The import is inflicted in cases where inanimate objects such as money or property are in question, how much punishment whose personal honour and good

It was the above considerations that induced the Memorialist's prodecessor to apply for and finally, concerning Sundries it is noteworthy obtain the Imperial sanction to the summary de | He that the import of most of the remaining articles | capitation of all persons principally concerned in | Te in 1884 is less than it was in either of the two the abduction of women, or in their sale, and the ponalty has always been rigorously enforced. It Nests, Ginseng, Rice, Indigo, Mangrove Bark, has, however, recently come to the Memorialist's w Paints, Rattans Seaweed, Sandalwood, Sapan- knowledge that constant cases of the abduction of women occur in Kiangsu and Anhui, the Exports.—Values compared.—The total value victims being taken to Shanghai, where they are of China's Experts abroad in 1884, Hr. The sold into prostitution, or disposed of to foreigners, 67,148,000, is below the corresponding total of most of them being in the first instance taken to 1883 by Hk. Tls. 3,050,000. The decline in the certain establishments ongaged in the traffic in estimated value of Black Tea alone is so much women where purchases and sales are effected. as Hk. Tis. 3,584,000; and in Raw Silk there The owners of these establishments are known has likewise been a falling off, so far as values as pay ma-i, or " white auts," and the eruelty (not quantities) are concerned, of more than a and tyrnny ther indulge in is not one whit less

The Board of Punishments may be instructed to

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENOR. WEINESDAY 29th April.

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Bank Bills, on demand......3/61. Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...... 3/63 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/67 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' ON PARIS. Bank Bills, on demand ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight...220 ON CALCUTTA.-Bank, 3 days' sight ... 220. ON SHANGHAL. Bank, sight ......724 

Baiks-Have changed hands at 126 per cent. Traders.—Sales are reported at \$631 per

. Quotations are :-Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares-126

per cent, premium. Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited— \$465 per share. China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares-S63; per share. North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share.

Yaugtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 130 per than at Chefoo that this trade has been growing. Chinese Insurance Company, Limited-\$165 per On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share. Canton Insurance Office. Limited—280 Honokong Fire Insurance Company's Sharas-

\_\_ per share, Sales. Shares—54 per cent. prem. Shares—339 per share premium.

35 per cent. discount. China and Manilla Steamship Company, Limited -45 per cent. discount. Douglas Steamship Company Limited—5 per Hongkong Gas Company's Shares-\$90 per share. Sales.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$67 | noon. Hongkong Ica Company's Shares—3140 per Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited —S118 per sharé. Perak Tin Mining and Smolting Company ---340 per share. Salancor Tin Mining Company-\$13 per share. Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per

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METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.								
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Hengkeng Observatory, 29th April, 1885.

NEWS FOR THE FRENCH MAIL. LATEST TELEGRAMS.

London, 23rd April.

A peaceable settlement of the dispute between England and Russia is despaired of. \_\_ The Daily News, in a leading article, says that the negotiations are not tending towards settlement of the dispute.

LONDON, 24th April Mr. Gladstone in raply to a question in the House of Commins, said that the Government with the Russian Government, but that at pro sent it is inexpedient to make a statement on the

LONDON, 24th April The French Consul-General for Egypt, after an interview with the Khedive, has, in accordance with instructions; broken off diplomatic relations with the Egyptian Government and left Cairo.

TIENTSIN, 18th April cluded between Count Ito and Li Chung-t'ang. the Protocol was signed this morning, and the Ambassador is expected to return direct to Japan to-morrow by the Satsuma Marie. A Protocol has been signed between China

indomnity from China. PERING. 20th April. It is reported that instructions have been issned to the Governors of the southern provinces

and Japan at Tientsin. It provides for the

still in an unsettled state. PEKING, 22nd April. Hsi Chên and Tông Ch'êng-hsiu, members of the Tsung-li Yamen, have been Imperially appointed Ministers Plenipotentiary to proceed to Docks.-There are sellers at 54 per cent. for Tientsin and assist Li Chung-t'ang in his negotiations with the French Minister.

> TRIESTE, 19th April Captain of Canard steamer Palmyra reports passing life-boat of Magneta in Bay Biscay two hundred miles north Finisterre on 24th March. She was in fairly good condition, and contained mast and cars but no sail." No evidence of having been occupied. LONDON, 25th April

The announcement of the rupture between France and Egypt is premature, the French Consul-General having postponed his departure. from Cairo for twenty-four hours. Negotiations are progressing and strong hopes of an amicable settlement are entertained. London, 27th April#

The French Consul General has loft Cairo, but it is still considered probable that a compromise will be arranged. that war is considered inevitable.

HONGKONG.

During the week the chief topic of conversation has been the relations between England and Russia, and the liklihood or otherwise of war The daily telegrams have been looked for with keen interest, and the stock market has been ex- at last set in. ceedingly sensitive. The Pembroke Costle, lately 24th instant, and the P. & O. steamer Resetta has Parkes arrived here on Monday, en route to others who fled to the interior for safety are now fired in honour of the deceased ambassadors memory. The Police Force was inspected by

The British sloop Flying Fish, Capt. Maclear. left here on the 27th April for Nagasaki. All the entrances to the port of Viadivostock have been closed by torpedoes, and vessels are not now allowed to enter the port unless piloted by Russian officers. We understand that the French troops will evacuate Formoss on the 4th June next, the same date on which the last of the Chinese withdraw from Tonquin.

gian Consulate at this port during the absence | he left that firm he occupied various positions of Mr. Atwell Coxon.

for - \$1,300. . It is notified in the Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to add the names of the following gentlemen to the Commission appointed to arrange for the proper representation of Hongkong at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in the year 1886, viz :-- Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. William Danby, James Billington Coughtrie, and John

David Humphreys. It is reported that the Gleu tea clipper, the Glenouls, has been chartered by the Government as a cruiser with a view to the Angle-Russian complication. Since the Stirling Castle was probably the fastest vessel that comes out here. and she should be, therefore, exceedingly well adapted for the work. It is evident that consider-

able precautions are being taken for the protection of our commerce. The body of Sir Harry Parkes arrived here on the 28th April by the steamer Anchises en route to England. At Shanghai the body was taken on a cun carriage from the Mortuary Chapel of the Old Cemetery by English man-of-war sailors to the Anchises, which was lying at the Associated Wharves. The casket in which the body is enclosed is of teak highly polished, with bright brass mounts and furniture. On the coffin plate is a plate of silver with this inscription: Harry Smith Parkes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. Born

Another of those dastardly outrages which have become so regrettably frequent of late, took place at West Point on the afternoon of the 27th April the victim being a jinricksha coolie who had excited the ire his assailants by giving evidence against them in a trumped up case heard before Mr. Justice Ackreyl on the 24th April in the Summary Jurisdiction Court. The man assaulted is suffering from a bad wound on the. head and an injury to the leg inflicted by one of the Chinese fighting irons Hongkong desperadoes are so fond of carrying about. These weapons are frequently several pounds in weight, and a single well directed blow on the head from one will frequently prove fatal. We understand that up to the present time the miscreants who committed this murderous as Sinclair, H.M.'s Consul at Foodhow, has resignsault are still atlarge, and have furthermore had ed the service.

The tag Pilot Fish returned from Amoy on the four days ago and that she is now in Amoy. 28th April, whither Capt. Burnie, Mr. Cooke, of | The Shanghai Courier is responsible for the the Dock Company, and others had been to survey following :- "A Secret Decree has been issued the steamer Zafro. After taking shelter from to the Viceroys and military authorities along the weather twice on the way, the Pilot Fish | the sea coast ordering them not to take away arrived sufely on the spot where the vessel the river obstructions of the different ports until was stranded, and the result of an inspection all the French vessels of sour have tetired." gave hopes that the vessel might be saved The steamer Pautah went to Tungkadoc dock if the weather continues fair. The Zafire on the 20th inst. to repair the damage she susis aground forward on a sandy shore, and tained through her propeller striking and exit is hoped she may be made temporarily tight, pleding a torpede off Taku. The Daily News pumped out, and towed to dock. Her fittings says the vessel was very much shaken by the have been mostly plundered by the natives, who explosion, but her hull does not appear to have Has a LARGER, CHOICER, and more COMPLETE got to work soon after the wrook, but there is been injured, though her propeller is said to be now a guard of Chinese soldiers encamped by the damaged.

Talbot and the erew are encamped ashore. Referring to aparagraph which appeared in our engaged. The men act as gunners and junior columns recently to the effect that "the note- officers. We are informed (says the Shanghai book of a foreign gunnery instructor, who had Courier) that their life on board the Chinese menevidently been directing and superintending the of-war is anything but pleasant and that is the new fortifications there, was found in the citadel | reason why the men have left. at Makung, Pesendores, by the French, on taking A rumour has lately reached the N. C. Daily possession," the Courier says .- "From inform- News to the effect that the Russian Admiral. ation we have received the note book referred to acting under instructions from his Government, in the above paragraph, in all probability belong- has opened, or is about to open, negotiations with ed to ex-Sergeant Nelson of the Union Army in | Korea for the occupation of Quelpart. No conthe late American rebellion. Our correspondent firmation, however, has been forthcoming, and in Amoy informs us that subsequent to the tak- our contemporar has no special grounds for being of Makung the fugitive Chinese flacked to lieving in its truth. that port in great numbers, but refused to give | We (Courier) hear that the negotiations beany information as to the fate of their com- tween LiCh ung-tangand Count Itowere brought mander Nelson. From their reticence, and evi- to a satisfactory termination at dinner parties. dent desire to avoid being questioned on this Count Ito first invited Li Ch'ung-lang to dinner subject it is surmised that he endeavegred to with him at the Japanese Consulate, and Li forcibly incite the garrison to resistante and Chang-tang returned the compliment, the din-

soner in the hands of the French."

The British gunboat Cockchafer arrived here Daily News) that upon news of Sir Harry on the 23rd April, having at length been Parkes's death reaching the Queen, Her Majesty enabled to get out of Tameni harbour, to the no | immediately telegraphed a message of regret at small satisfaction of those on board, who had the loss of one of her ablest Ministers, and defound their months of detention in the blockaded sired that her sympathies should be conveyed to port pass somewhat irksomely. The French his family. Why was not this made public? having raised the blockade, a passage was cleared For we have been assured that such a message on the bar by the Chinese through which the was received at Peking, and we are of opinion Cockchafer was able to pass. Until a short time | that it was the duty of the Charge d'Affaires to before the raising of the blockade the French | have proclaimed it. were sending occasional shots flying about the . The Courier says that the steamer Kiangpiau

morning wet than samshu cocktails. This is a was not boarded at all by the French .

MACAO.

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respondent.

We learn from a private letter that a teletribute rice are proceeded with very slowly, as graph cable has lately been laid between Macao amputation will be necessary. the diplomatic relations of France and China are City and the opposite island of Taips or Colowan as it is also called, for the exclusive time of the

> CHINA. NINGPO.

Admiral Lespes and Admiral Ngo-yang have been carrying on a correspondence at Chinhai It began by the former desiring to compare his instructions in re the armistice with the latter's Then he proposed to pay Ngo-yang a visit which was declined. Then Ngo-yang asked permission for the three cruisers to leave the port for Shanghai, which was refused .- Daily Nezes Correspondent.

HANGCHOW.

There is nothing new here, beyond that a very blasphemous and virulently hostile to Christianity paper has lately been distributed and placard ed about the city. It scared the residents considerably, who feared that a repetition of the dood committed at Canton and Wenchow would Renter's Office announces, on good authority, be attempted at Hangchow, so the body of them went to the Governor's yamen, and obtained his past 10 o'clock p.m., and sunk to the deck on the promise to enforce the law against all anonymous. productions of the kind .- N. O. Daily News Cor-

> CHINKIANG. After the long spell of wet, miserable weather

which we have had of late, fine, dry weather has Business is beginning to improve; many chartered by the Government, arrived on the the godowns in the concession and other avail able places are being taken up for the storage of also been taken ever; both vessels are now being grain. Large quantities of rice are already awaiting shipment. Many of thetradesmen and

The Italian corvette Cristoforo Colombo arrived yesterday in charge of Mr. Pilot Hjous-His Excellency the Governor yesterday after. berry and anchored-off the north shore. . The oustomary visits were made and the usual salutes were given on the exchange of visits." She left this morning for the up river ports at 4 a.m. She will remain at Wuhn for two days and then proceed to Kinkiang and Hankow; at the latter port she is to remain for several days. -- Mercury Correspondent.

KIUKIANG. The Mercury regrets to have to record the death of Mr. R. H. S. Woodward, one of It is notified in the Government Guestie that oldest residents in China. The sad event or gressive type. English influence in the Orient His Excellency the Governor has recognised pro-curred at Kiukiang on the 20th April. The must be said to have reached its zenith at present, It is notified in the Government Gasette that oldest-residents in China. The and event ocvisionally, and until further notice, Mr. Francis deceased arrived here in 1859, and joined the and English interests in these parts of the world Henkensfeldt Slagher as in charge of the Bel- firm of Messrs. Smith, Kennedy & Co. Sinc. have also attained their highest point. As the but never once left the Far. East. Until lately The wrock of the Union line steamer Castello, he was a commission merchant in Hankow, as she now lies on Flat Island, was sold by auc- Wuhu, and Ichang, but he left the former a tion on the 25th April by Mr. E. Jones Hughes, short time since for Kinking to look after her existing influence and to enjoy her present the bidding starting at \$100, and the wreck was Messes. Russell and Co's interests in that port. ultimately knocked down to Mr. Ng Man Kwan He was well-known and much respected at this the goodwill of Eastern mations, and to secure and river ports.

TIENTSIN.

has been ascertained that the version of the and without it her influence and interest must Empress's secret decree concerning the armistice | suffer a considerable decline." with France has been correctly copied by the Shanghai Shen-pao. In the decree, as issued to the heads of the

Provincial governments, commanders of troops, etc., the Empress says "the tributary nation. France, having sued for peace, Her Imperial Governmental district in the Caroline Islands Majesty has softened her heart," but "that as to the east of the Marianne Islands, has been retaken from these waters, the crack Glen boat is the French people are treacherous, and not to ceived at Mauila. be trusted, the commanders of Chinese troops | The Austrian gunboat Nautilus arrived at are to keep their present positions carefully Manila on the 23rd April from Australia and guarded until explicit orders come." In the Labuan, four days from the latter port. She decree given by the Vicercy La for transmission | carries, three guns. This vessel must not be to the French Government through Monsieur confounded with the German vessel of the same Patenôtre, these agreeable expressions have been | name already on the station. omitted. The Foreign legations in Peking have copies of the injurious decree, and of the do- nils on the 2let April. In the Comercio she is cument which has the teeth drawn. The begin- stated to have come from Singapore, but this ning of reconciliation is thus qualified by the must be a mistake, as the vessel when last heard proverbial "amari aliquid," but the French of was at Batavia, and she has not, we believe, Government may choose to regard the incident been to Bingapore. She carries eight guns, contemptuously as a "Chinoiserie," and let-it and is of 250 horse-power. pass, or may not.

24th February, 1828. Died at Peking, 22nd Peking Gazette, as issued to the provinces, made at Manils on the 16th April, when an average some remarks of a very derogatory nature about speed of 112 miles was obtained. This being in Sir Thomas Wade and the other foreign Minis- accordance with the terms of the purchase, the ters, while the edition issued in Peking con- vessel was taken over and was to proceed to tained no reference that was otherwise than Cavits on the 18th April, where she was to be strictly in accord with international proprieties. fitted as a transport and receive the guns proper with their negotiations, and are said to be rather on Lieutenant Bayo y Hernandez Pincon, late restless, as their position is not bettered by the of the Aragon.

peace or probable peace with France.

The Peiho cargo-boat men are greatly dis- A HISTORY tressed. Some thousands of junks are moored to the banks of the river idle, and the sailors are poverty-stricken for want of wages .- Courier

> SHANGHAI. It is currently rumoured in Shanghai that Mr.

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the audacity to send messages threatening others | The Courier says that a rumour is current

wreck to prevent further looting. Some of the A number of the foreigners employed cargo has been salved and got ashore. Capt. board the Chinese war vessels at Ningpo hav-

ing resigned, some other Europeans have been

was rewarded with a built from the rifle of nor taking place at the Naval College. And it TEO EG GOUL BT nome recreat Chinaman. We hope that these was at this second disner, we are informed, that

We are given to understand (says the N. U.

fears for the safety of Mr. Nelson may not be the two negotiators came to an understanding

verified and that at the worst he is but a pri- on the Korean question.

place. About a week before the Cockchafer left returned to Shanghai from Ningpo on the a cricket match was arranged at Tamsui, and evening of the 19th inst. She discharged her only an hour or two before the time fixed for cargo and took on board a fresh one at Chinhai, is engaged in correspondence of extreme gravity | play two shells fell upon the Cricket Ground | besides she had about 212 Chinese passengers Among other annoyances attending the forced from Ningpo. All was quiet there, and there detention of the gunboat was the searcity of the wasno prospect of the river being opened. The comforts of life. and some idea of the hard- French ironelad La G dissonnière, with Admiral ships the unfortunate crew sustained may be Lespes on board, and two other French vessels gathered from the melancholy fact that for a were at anchor under Lukong, appearing to be time nothing better could be procured for a watching the Chinese fleet. The Kiangpiau new drink to Europeans in this colony, unless Of the many local Chinese Companies start-we except the gentry who frequent the rendezvous ed in Shanghai during the last few years (says in Lascar Row known as Samshu Corner, For the Courier), it is encouraging to know that at Nogotiations having been satisfactorily con- a time after the arrival of the Douglas Steamship least one of them promises to be a great success.

Company's vessels to trade, they were refused We hear that the Shanghai Paper Mill is now permission to land or ship cargo, as no official kept working day and night in order to supply notification of the suspension of the blockade the large demands for its productions. Since had been received. Soon afterwards the news the mill has been started it has been particularly. arrived, and the work of unloading cargo was fortunate in every way, work has never been proceeded with at once, though the steamers suspended, and only three trifling accidents have were unable to get inside the harbour at the occurred, in the first of which one of the workmen time the Cockchafer left. At that time there lost the tip of one of his fingers through getting from Seoul, while Japan waives all claim for an were two of the Douglas Steamship Company's it jammed in the cogs, the second of a similar Frontage. nature, and the third which occurred on the 22nd April, while the unfortunate man in trying to at CAROLINE HILL, East. between the rollers, had his arm taken in with it. The limb was much mangled, and it is feared

JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA. Amongst the passengers who left Yokohama on the 17th April in the Pacific Mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, was Mr. A. J. Wilkin. one of the oldest foreign residents of this Settlement. Mr. Wilkin had resided here for more than twenty years, and during that time had conspionously exerted himself in sharing the labours in connection with the charitable and 1st May, 1885. other institutions of Yokohama.

According to Japaness vernacular papers the Chinese Government are said to intend to es tablish a telegraph line between Tientsin and Soul The Korean Ambassador who recently came to Japan strongly advocates building a telegraph line from Soul to Chemulpo. He was much pleased to learn that a Korean student named Kin is able to superintend the work. Al the necessary apparatus the Ambassador has

ordered from Hongkong. The Nichi Nichi Shimbun states that the Daini Teibo Kan is now a complete wreck. She ran on a sunken rock off Yasunorisaki, Shima. Miye Prefecture, on the 3rd April about half-6th instant. The Daini Teibo Kan, a fifth class man-of-war, built in England in 1867, was 126 feet long by 21 feet in width. She was of 65 horse-power, and was pierced for eight guns.

Her crew numbered 83 all told The following resolution of the Yokohama General Chamber of Commerce has been ordered by the Committee to be placed on the records of the Chamber, and also to be transmitted to the relatives of the late Sir Harry S. Parkes:--2" Resolved—That the members of the Yokohama Goneral Chamber of Commerce have learnt with deep regret of the death of His Excellency Sir Harry S. Parkes, K.O.B., G.C.M.G., Her Britannic Majesty's Minister to Peking, and formerly for 18 years Her Britannie Majesty's Representative in Japan, who during a long and brilliant career, devoted himself with carnest zeal to the advancement of the honour and reputation of his country, the development of commerce, and the welfare and progress of China and Japan. For his ability, courage, untiring energy, and sound judg. PENSARY, Peddars Street. ment this Chamber will ever entertain feelings of the highest admiration and esteem." The Japan Mail translates the following expression of opinion from the Nichi Nichi

Shimbur:—" With respect to the selection of a British Minister to China, we would like to suggest that preference should be given to a faithful i and modest character, having ample experience of Eastern diplomacy, over one of a forward, agpresent condition of the East has changed in many respects of late years, aggressiveness is now less called for, and England would consult benefits. To accomplish this end she must enlist Apartments. their sympathy her representatives must be prudent, warm-hearted men, skilled in dealing with Orientals. But for the agency of such person-ages it would be extremely difficult to ensure the There is a "little rift within the lute." It friendly disposition of the East towards England

THE PHILIPPINES MANILA. The royal approval of the formation of a new

The Russian cruiser Krayseer arrived at Ma-

The official trial trip of the steamer Carriedo,

An incident somewhat analogous occurred which the Philippine Government had agreed to after the audience of the late Emperor. The purchase subject to the result of trial, took place The Japanese are very little if at all advanced to her class. The command has been conferred

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There will be no Launch on Monday and Friday, on account of scaling.  The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to except under unavoidable circumstances. In	THE Steamship "BELLONA,"	LONDON; ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND	te Cloud — Clarko Srit. atr 352 H. C. & M. Steambout C. Brit. str 1312 Ambold, Karberg & Co. Sthe-Wis: Doc. 22 Owston Srit. str 166 Pastan & Co.	Esk double-sorew gunboat 3 310 In reserve Hongkong Espoir gunboat 4 455 Lieut, Com. Adams Singapore Eir broad composite suphost 4 160 Lieut, Com. Dickson Nagasaki
case of stress of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppages. [80]	Captain Schaefer, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 5th May.  For Freight or Passage, apply to	AUSTRALIA.  N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH  BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN  GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMS	gtse pril 20 Lormier Fr. str 2371 Messageries Maritimes	Flying Fish sloop Linnet gunboat 5 050 Commander G. W. Hill Shanghal Morlin composite gunboat 4 430 LtCom. B.B.C. Brenton Cruising
£20,000 TWENTY THOU-	SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1885. [785	BURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.	MoNeil Dec. 29 G. W. David Amr. sh   1088   Carlowitz & Co   London	Widger louble-serew gun-vasse ( 170 Com. Hothau Hongkong Rhong shoop Capt. A. R. Backford Nagasaki Hongkong Capt. Harrison Hongkong
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Organised 1868.  These Mammoth Drawings are supervised by the Ticket Holders, and witnessed by Members	PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMA-NIA, and FIJI).	Cargo will be received on board until TEN A.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until TEN A.M., on the day of sailing.  Silk and Valuables for Europe will be tran-	Hell Jan. 5 Hogan Arnr. bk 840 Arnhold, Karnerg & Co Hambi Jossan April 16 Minchin Brit. sh 15:7 Carlowitz & Co M. Clark Mar. 30 Conant Arnr. bk 620 H. J. H. Tripp Macass Troop April 24 Farasworth Brit. sh 1295 Molohers & Jo	FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.
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First Horse £3.000   4 Prizer of £500-£2,000 Becond Horse 1,000   8 Prizes of 250 2,000 Third Horse 1,000   10 Prizes of 200 2,000	Two P.M. For Freight of Passage apply to	by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.  For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAE &	the Feb. 4 McPherson Brit. bk 864 Arnhold, Karberg & Co Victoria Stewart April 4 G. Thomps in Brit. bk 484 Chinese Saigon Saigon April 1 L. E. Baker Am. sch 605 Berneo Co., Limited Saigon	Abreck Russian gunboat 7 310 Captain Schauz Nagasaki Alari American corvette 1 800 Commander J. C. Barclay Canton Lapin Emph contract 4 Capt. M. de F. Jonquières Haiphong
Starters divide 1,000 20 Prizesof 100 2,000 Non-Starters divide 1,000 Total £15,000	RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 28th April, 1885 [831	ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.  The Contents and Value of Packages are re-	O'tschmann April 11 Spirling Ger. sch 164 Blockhau & Co int Lebanon Aug. 21 Nelson Brit. bkn 520 Aruhold, Karberg & Co Honold City April 3 T C. Bray Brit. sh 1771 Melchers & Co New Y	Chainplain French cruiser 10 1450 Capt. Parrayon Pescadores  Chainplain French cruiser 10 1450 Captain Le Pontois Formosa
The remaining £5,000 will be employed by the Club in making up a Book on the Cup and other races, that is, laying and taking the odds for and against certain horses, by an entirely	STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGA- BAKI, AND KOBE.	the terms and conditions of the Company's	Thomas Mar. 31 P. B. Nichols Arer, sh 1293 Russ-ll & Co.	Cristo Colombo Italian servette — Captain Noirat Hongkong Cristo Colombo Italian servette — Captain Conlombeaud Kelzeg  Cristo Colombo Italian servette — Captain Conlombeaud Kelzeg
new system, the success of which was practically proved last year, when the profits resulting therefrom realised over £12.000. The whole	WHE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship	N.B.—This steamer takes Cargo and Passen- gers for Marseilles.  A. McIVER,	Sept. 14 Stolze Ger. bk 312 Sismassa & Co	Drap Prench corrette — Captain Forrat Cruising Duchaffault French corretts — Captain de Ricandy Cruising Cruising
of the winnings, including principal and profits to be equally divided amongst these subscribers who will be unsuccessful in drawing either	will leave for the above place about 36 hours after the arrival of the outward English Mail Steamer.		H. Besse Jan. 8 S. B Gibbs Amr. bk 1027 aptain Viotor April 10 C. L. Henne Ger. bk 860 Carlowitz & Co Halab	Elisabeth German corvette 8 Captain Fournier Formosa  Enterprise American corvette 6 800 Commander A. S. Barker Amery
a horse or prize in the Great Sweep. Every subscriber to receive a prize, be it large or small. To avoid delay, all Hongkong prizes will be remitted immediately after race, by	A. McIVER; Superintendent,	POST-OFFICE NOTICES	Siegfried April 20 Hansson Brit, bk 394 Butterfield & Swire	Ermak Gornostai Russian gunboat Titis Russian gunboat Gornostai Go
Australia and China, payable at Victoria Hongkong. Drawing held on the 20th October	STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship	connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given	ag-ping — Holmes Amr. str   360   Russell & 30.	Jaguer Fronch gunorat 8 900 Com. P. F. Harrington Shanghai Hongkong Captain Fournier Annia
next. Printed slips of winning numbers posted to all Ticket Holders immediately after. Money received too late will be returned. Ten	"ROHILLA,"	For Hankow.—Per Oopack, to-day, the 30th	Mriampon.  April 2: D'E ville Brit str   814 Sieussen & Co   Shang	La Galissoniere French frigate  La Mive French transport  Tambasquer  Captain Mequet  Tambasquer  French transport  Captain Mequet  Formosa
per Cent. commission deducted from the prizes. In remitting money for tickets, send Bank Drafts, Post Office Orders, Notes, or Gold, latter	Mail.  A. McIVER. Superintendent.	For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per Amphitrite, to-day, the 30th inst., at 10.30 A.M.	Nanzing April 28 Waddilove Brit. str   714 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Tients	Lynz Lutin French gunboat Magon French gunboat Captain Blonet Captain Dobar Kelsing Kelsing Kelong Captain Puseb
should be registered; add sixpence extra to cover cost of return postage. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Address all letters and make all orders payable to THOMAS FAULKNER,	Hongkong, 28th April, 1885.  FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	For Amoy and Tamsui.—Per Hailong, to-day, the 30th inst., at 3.30 P.M.  For Saigon.—Per Lennez, to-day, the 30th inst., at 4.30 P.M.	fornia June 13 J. Sobrido Span. bk 420 Lans, Crawford & Co	Minia Russian frigate 16 6000 Captain Granquist Craising Monocacy American gunboat 6 750 Com. F. J. Higginson Vladivostock Morge Russian gunboat 7 80 Commander Boyle Shanghai
Secretary, "A.T.C.," 635, George Street, Sydney, Australia. [726]	THE American Bark  "GOODELL."	For Amoy and Manila.—Per Don Juan, to- day, the 30th inst., at 4.30 P.M. For Bangkok.—Per Phra Chom - Klao, to-	SWATOW.  IN Port on 28TH MARCH, 14-5  Polit ata 1, 500 ; Fording Matheson & Co. Amov.	Nantilus Nantilus Nerpa Nerpa Russian gunboat Nerpa Russian gunboat
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Communications in English and French.	"WILLY,"	the 5th May, at 3.30 P.M. HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT	IN PORT ON 24TH APRIL. 1 5  oline April 24 D. Brun Nor. bk 321 Pasedag & Co  softer April 11 Boyart Brit bk 679 Boyd & Co	Roland French cruiser — Commander Richard Kelung Roland French cruiser — Captain Mayet Rainen Saigon French cruiser — Captain W. Nomin Saigon Japan
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Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Ten- NENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons, Arbroath.  ARNHOJ.D, KARBERG & Co.	For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 12th March, 1885. [536	5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.	rien April 24 Johannsen Ger. bk 367 H.A. Petersen & Co	Triemphante French ironglad 14 2400 E. F. Butran Hongkong Spanish corvetts 15 600 Captain Vivielle Cruising
Hongkong, January, 1867. [20] ALGAR AND COMPANY.		Day of Departure.  7 A.M., Pest Office opens.  10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of	P. Duhme Ger. bg 319 Chinese  Nov. 15 Richter Brit. bg 435 Chinese	Vipere V. Monomach Russian frigate  Volta  French gunboat  6  Captain Peireyre  Captain Peireyre  Nagasaki  Captain C. A. Gigen  Haiphong  Volta  Volta
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lars and instructions mailed free. Now is the time-don't delay, but write to us at once.	Lor Liangin whith M	ARNHOLD, KARHERG & Co.	Teony Siar, 29 Wilson Amr. sh 1633 Takaahima Colliery nilla fan, 22 Taylor Brit. bk 472 Holme, Ringer & Companieton Mar. 17 Blanchard Amr. bk 1381 M. B. Dock	Tohno-tage Vigoroy's gunhoat of 1/8 1



HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1885.

CHILD ADOPTION IN HONGKONG. One of the most important measures introduced during the present session of the Legislative Council is the Bill, which was read a first time at the last meeting, for the prevention of abuses connected with child adoption and domestic service. The evils atservitude have often been pointed out both from the Bench of the Supreme Court and in the columns of the local press; but the diffi nltv of removing these evils without unduly interfering with the social and domestic system of the Chinese population have hitherto been considered almost insuperable. At last, however, a Bill las been prepared for the purpose of affording young femules protection against any improper deigns which may be entertained concerning ! them by those who may have the custody of them either as domestic servants or adopted children. This protection is, of course, to be extended to them through the agency of the Registrar-General, and it is, we believe, to the present incumbent of that office that a leading place in British politics. The prethe Bill owes in inception. It provides that the Registrar-General, as Protector of Chinese, shall have power to summon before deep and widespread interest, which has jealous guarding of all important have stahim any person suspected of having in his been accentuated by recent events in the Sou- tions, which sentined the ocean highway becastody any adopted daughter or female ser- dan and the existing difficulty with Russia. tween Britain and India, India and Australia, vant between the ages of six and sixteen with The rapid development of the at one time in- and Australia and Canada. In any scheme and, in his discretion and after due inquiry, tinual growth of industrial enterprise, and Hongkong and other Crown Colonies to seto call on such person to give security that the ever increasing competition of foreign cure representation, so that their views and the child shall not be disposed of for any with British manufactures have all helped needs might find more direct expression than immoral purpose. For the carrying out of powerfully to demonstrate the importance of is possible through the Colonial Office. It witnesses, who are bound to give their at- mighty but scattered empire of Imperial the slumbering interest of home-staying tendance under a penalty of \$200. The Britain, The necessity of taking effective Britains to the wants, aspirations, and capabi out a writ of habeas compute with the view of outposts are to be found in avery sea, whose signed to promote a community of interest taking away the child from any person who population is so unevenly distributed, and and oneness of policy throughout the empire, his no legal chain to her custody and whose parts are so unequal in strength, has, is one that should quicken the pulses and the child's interest and liberty. These foreign attack, become signally apparent, flag. are large powers to confer on an official, even to the shallowest observer. The old but persons affected by the Ordinance selfish spirit that would have willingly out -are protected from any injustice by the loose the light bonds that hold the larger fourth section, which provides that any per- colonies to the mother country seemed at son considering himself aggrieved or affected one time to be gathering strength, but a more by any action of the Registrar-General under liberal and enlightened view of the question Official inepection of the domestic arrange. Sunny Italy has gradually spread to the and compares them, with those as the dis- ria; Japan was despuiled of Northern Sagments of a household always has been and Anglo-Sazons, and will war with increasing posal of Admiral Chown :always will be resented. While the Re- fervour. Born of the metinet of self-pregistrar-General's department continues to be, servation, nourished by traditions of a Audacious administered by the Hon. F. Stewartwe may mighty name, heroic deeds on flood and in Ordinance will be worked with such an commerce, the principle of federation is desamount of tact that the Chinese community | timed to grow and develop by virtue of a will fail to find anything offensive in them, common language, common interests, and but a less experienced and capable officer common aspirations, until the perfect whole might unwittingly raise a storm of opposi- -the united Angle-Saxon Empire-strong tion and create widespread discontent. As and indivisible, shall be presented to the will be seen from the Bill, proceedings are world. to be instituted on suspicion, and the point

charged with intending to destroy it. In into operation. The question also arises as words "immoral purpose," Would concubinage be considered immoral, or would this very nice point be left to the distime being, whoever he might be? The person summoned is to be suspected of looked at in the light of European notions follows -of morality would certainly be held to cover concubinage. Then again, the second clause provides that "for the better carrying out of the preceding section" the Registrar-General is to laquire "as to the treatment of such child," which appears 4.—That any scheme of Imperial Foderation should to be a subject quite apart from that treated of in the preceding section, for excessive chastisement or the provision of insufficient

nourishment, which would be a proper subject of jugairy and r the second section, could have no bearing on the "immora purpose" referred to in the first section. This seems to be a defect in the drafting of the Bill, which appears to have been somewhat hastily put together, as witness the fact that it deals only with made offenders. and does not centain the usual provision that ! words of the masculine gender shall imply ganiso Branches of the League.

tions in the colony. If the Bill as drafted a national influence. This, however, like us. were to become law, we believe that with TENNYSON'S vision, where tendant on the Chiacse system of domestic Dr. STEWART at the head of the Registrar-General's department little practical harm would result and possibly a great deal of good, but there is an important question o principle involved on which issues of vital importance might at any time arise, and the colony has no guarantee that the Registrar-General will always be a man of Dr. STEWART'S Stamp. We must therefore look at the measure itself, not the man who will have to administer it.

### IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

Imperial Federation is a great question and it is destined at no distant date to take servation of the unity of the British Empire deration of the empire, for that would assured! is a subject that has of late years excited a mean the increase of the fleet and the morn

The first adumbration of this idea of to be determined is not one of accomplished Federation which is now gaining so large a fact but of mere intention -- a matter always share of public attention in the British Isles structive and might have a salutary effect extremely difficult of proof. The Registrar- and colonies was found in the union of the provided that it were perfectly fair and General having satisfied bimself of the in- North American provinces in 1867, when the straightforward. The Lords of the Ad tention by an inquiry-in camera apparently, Dominion of Canada was formed. The prin intralty want shaking up, and we sin when the accused would not have the bene- ciple of federation has worked so well in Bri- cerely hope this will be done in no ssistance—the accused is to be tish North America that Lord CARNA N, gentle manner, but even the most slothcalled up to give security. To the world when Secretary of State for the Colonies, sought this would be accused as having out to extend it to the South African and Aug. the the intention of executing a most training colonies, and before many years it on false evidence and unfair comparisons.

The sesistance—the accused is to be this North America that Lord Carning, but even the most slothing that Russia would have again occupied the work had been done Mr. Sharp came the most slothing that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have retained it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have again occupied the work had been done Mr. Sharp came that Russia would have retained it to extend it to the colony, and was desirous of putting that Russia would have again and the most product that Russia would have again and the most product that Russia would have again and the most product that Russia would have again and the most product that Russia would have again and the most product that Russia would have retained it to extend the colonies, and the paid \$507. tertained the intention of executing a most tralian Colonies, and before many years it on false evidence and unfair comparisons nefacious and abominable purpose. English will certainly be adopted there. The Line To some extent this is what the Pall Mal criminal law deals only with crime actually perial Government have, however, wisely re- Gazette has been guilty of. It is frue that at committed or attempted; wrongful inten- frained from attempting to precipitate mat. thetimethearticle was writtenthere were only tion is sometimes charged, but only where it ters, and have preferred to leave the Colonies two British ironclads on the China Station; i is indicated by some wrongful act, as where to develope an inclination for union. But was true also that one was laid up in reserve a person sets fire to property, he may be events are marching; the loom of time is at Hongkong; but the writer ought to have working, and its web is weaving fast. In known that the Agamemnon was far on her. the case of the Bill under consideration the the autumn of last year was formed in Eng. way out, being then somewhere between intention would necessarily have to be in- land the Imperial Federation League, a po- Colombo and Singapore. But to show that ferred more from the character of the parties tent agency which cannot fail, if it acts with the Pall Mall writer was at least caroless as concerned than from their action, since it is moderation and tact, to push forward the to his facts, and anxious only to make out intended to operate before the action comes movement its members have at Weart. Re- his case, it may be mentioned that the presentatives of most of the leading colonies Vladimir Monomach did not reach Singa to the interpretation to be put upon the are on the Committee of the League, as well pore until the 10th March, only six days beas several present and former Cabinet Min- fore the Agamemnon, and did not appear isters of equal eminence for ability and dis- in China waters so soon as the latter. A interestedness, including Mr. W. E. Fors. for the General Admiral, she has not yet apcretion of the Registrar-General for the TER, the President, Sir Michael Hioxs peared in these seas, and though it is pos Brace, Dr. Lyon Playfair, Mr. W. H. sible she may be on her way out, we have SMITH, and the Earl of Hoveber. The heard nothing of her so far. Certainly she an intention to dispose of the child " as a Society has started on a sound basis and under cannot be reckoned among the Russian prostitute," but is to be called upon to give good auspices, and its most hudable objects Squadron in the Pacific. security not to dispose of her for "any im- are very simply and tersely set forth in the Now matters are bad enough in all con moral purpose." The latter term evidently series of resolutions passed by the Provisional science, and there is no occasion for ex covers more ground than the former, and Committee, the first eight of which run as aggeration. It is a fact only too patent that

1.—That a Society be now formed, to be called 'The Imperial Federation League.' 2.—That the object of the League be to secure by Federation the permanent unity of the Empire. garde local affairs.

adequately provide for an organized defence of com-5. That the League use every constitutional means to bring about the object for which it is formed, and invite the support of men of all political parties.

6: That the Membership of the League be open any British subject who scoopts the principles of the

League, and pays a yearly registration fee of one

League.
8.—That British subjects throughout the Empire be invited to become members, and to form and or-

may call for the institution of something Second, that if the Colonies contribute to good account of all the Russian ships or keep a sum of \$100,000 deposited in the Hongkong like a domestic inquisition for the native the maintenance of a national army and navy them imprisoned in Vladivostock. Of one and Shanghai Bank in Hongkong on the ground population, but such a step should not be they must be admitted to a voice in the direct thing we may be sure, that whatever the that the matter was one over which the Court taken until after very grave consideration. tion of foreign affairs. The country is not yet failings of some of the ships, the same spirit had no jurisdiction. The defendants received The Bill in effect gives the Registrar-Gene- ripe for such a change, but if the British Em- that animated the Navy in the days of Net- this sum from the plaintiffs, the farmers of the ral power to sit in judgment on the domestic pire is to bepreserved from disintegration, the son exists latent now among the officers and strang: to of every native household day must come when there will be loca! Parlia- men, and only needs the occasion to bring it plaintiffs are seeking to recover back this sum where there is a female child not the natural ments in England, Scotland, and Ireland, out. Much benefit will, we firmly believe, daughter of the master and mistress, and and an Imperial Congress will occupy St. result from the free and wholesome criticism the accused would not be able to avail them. Stephen's at which the colonies will find re- to which the vessels, personnel, and administratupon it. selves of legal assistance in their trial. It presentation with the mother country in ac- tion of our fleet have been subjected, but it may be said that the Ordinance will only be cordance with their population. Such a would be most absurd to suppose that the fine motion being proceeded with at all. He this afternoon. put in operation in rare cases and will not Parliament, relieved of municipal and vestry navies of other Powers are not open to simi- submitted that it was not competent to the The case was then adjourned ontil Monday

the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battleflags were furl'd In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world, s a dreum of the future; thankful we must be, if the "common sense of most" in our "crowned republic" can evolve a plan by which the United Kingdom and her colonies and dependencies may be firmly welded together, at least for purposes of defence. In the small Crown Colonies like Hongkong, which are necessarily but strategic posts an commercial depôte, we can of course do little to promote Federation, beyond joining the League and aiding the cause with purse and individual influence. Hongkong must, in the main, always rely upon the Imperial Government for its protection against foreign foes but it is none the less interested in the Fe

# DRONS IN CHINESE WATERS.

Wivern (laid up at Hongkong). Audacious Wivern (laid up at Hongkong).
It may be noted in the present connection that while we have only two isonelads on the Chinese station, portion of Kashgaria she so unwillingly disrest assured that the peculiar provisions of the field, a splendid literature, and a world-wile for the Agamemnon has not yet arrived, Russia has three. The contrast is not pleasant. It stands thus :-

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a great proportion of Admiral Sir Dowert's ships consists of obsolete vessels indifferently armed, and we doubt whether that gallant officer would, in the event of 8.—That no scheme of Federation should interfere war, find his flest sufficient, without reinforce-with the existing rights of Local Parliaments as re-ment, to protect British trade and keep war, find his flest sufficient, without reinforcethe Russian squadron shut up in Ylad combine on an equitable basis the resources of the vostock. The writer in the Pall Pall Empire for the maintenance of common interests, and Gazette observes very truly :- "We may scare the Russian flag from the seas, but as Russia's marine is trifling compared with our nwn. one swift cruiser from Vladivostock would probably do more damage to our vast carrying trade than would be effected by the

disappearance of the Russian flag from the sea. If we can always catch that swift providing meens for conducting the business of the cruiser and keep the Russian fleet in harbour at Vladivostock, this is the most we can hope for, and it is very doubtful whether we can do that," Of the twenty-four vessels at prealso the feminine, although the majority of The President, Mr. Forster, has thrown sent composing the British Squadron only the persons who would be brought before himself heart and soul into the cause, and about eighteen are available for cruising the Registrar-General in connection with it has by means of two forcible articles in the purposes, the Victor Emanuel being a rewould in ordinary course be women. To the Nineteenth Century done much to scimulate ceiving ship, the Wivern, Esk, and Tweed rethird clause, which provides that the Re- interest in and disarm prejudice against the tained for the defence of Hongkong, and the gistrar-General may proceed by way of movement. The League has no aggressive Midge and Flying Fish being practically habeas corpus in the case of any child whose aims; defence and not defiance, progress and useless at sea. Against these eighteen ships, retention by persons having no legal claim to not aggression, will be its mettoes. Recognis- which include the ironclade Agamemnon and her custody is considered prejudicial to the ingthe truth of the proverb Ubi vulneratus est Audacious and four large corvettes, the Ruschild's interest or liberty, no objection can cubitus brachium est infirmum, the League sians have eleven vessels, two of which are be taken. Its effect is simply that the Re- seeks the acquisition of that strength which ironclads and two fast cruisers, the rest gistrar-General is appointed the person to perfect unity gives, in order that each mem- being old wooden gunboats of little value. set in metion the ordinary machinery ber of the eurpire may be rendered invul. The fast cruiser Kraysser, which carries exof the law. The fourth acction, allowing nerable to attack. There are obstacles in cellent guns, has, however, recently arrived an appeal from the Registrar-General's the path-delicate questions as to the rights at Batavia and is now-probably on her way decision, is necessary if the two first and privileges of the various colonies, which north to join Admiral Crown's fleet. But as sections are to stand. We are far from will require to be left alone or dealt with a set off to this addition, the sloops Espiegle condemning the Bill, for the preamble-that tenderly so that no suspicion of selfishness and Wild Swan and the gun-vessel Rambler it is expedient to make further provision for shall be imagined by any of the provinces are en route from Australia and England to the prevention of adopted female children but none that will prove insuperable. . reinforce the British Squadron, which will and female servants from being brought up Two distinct facts are, however, discernible be further strengthened by the addition of in the colony for the purpose of prostitution" - through the haze which surrounds Federa several fast and powerful steamers armed as Wotton and Descon, for the defendants. has unhappily been too frequently proved in tion in its incheate stage. First, that if the cruisers, chartered from the P. & O. and the history of the colony. It is inexpedient, Empire is to be efficiently protected against other steamship companies, one of which are motion which had been served on the plaintiffs however, to create a larger evil in order to outside menaces in the future a more or- rived here the other day. Thus augmentremove a smaller one. It is conceivable ganised scheme of defence and an army and ed, the British Squadron should be amply court would be moved on this date from an order that the special circumstances of the case navy that are really imperial must be formed. sufficient to enable Admiral Downer to give a which the writ of foreign attachment may call for the institution of something Second, that if the Colonies contribute to good account of all the Russian shine or bear which the plaintiffs had obtained with regard to

humblest individual in the colony is entitled or waterworks or the extension of the fran- unpatrictio to do nothing but he intertain such a motion at this stage of the to the same measure of justice as the most chise, would be enabled to devote its whole known inefficiency of some of the vessels and explied. If the argument just mentioned were attention to matters of imperial moment, the doubtful stability of others. We have procedure not provided for by Common Law. seriously put forward it might be replied that such as the effective condition of the army many fine ships, a large supply of good men, some of the persons whom Sir John Small and navy, the conduct of foreign affairs, the plenty of money to buy and charter more expressed the opinion should be proceeded promotion of national commerce, and the vessels if necessary, and spirit enough, we against occupied by no means humble posi- consideration of any schemes likely to have hope, to meet any danger that may confront

## CHINA, JAPAN, AND RUSSIA.

The aunouncement of the conclusion of protocol between China and Japan settling the diffidulty which arose out of the recent disturbance in Seoul will be hailed with genuine satisfaction by all true friends of Tientsin on the 13th April by Lr Chung-T'ANG and Count Iro, and the latter was to loave the next day for Jupan, a pretty certain proof of the natisfactory completeness nese and Japanese troops from Korea, and as possible, and he had noted upon that under-Japan waives all glaim for an indemnity from standing. His Lordship knew how much counsel Is. 800,000 and the punishment of the Chithe view of disposing of her as a prostitute, accessible markets of the world, the con- of Federation, too, it might be possible for Iro made some wise concessions, and the re- account of its not being filed. The plaintiffs. sult is a settlement, the terms of which oin- had caused no delay, and they were within their not offend the amour propre of either nation. His Excellency La Hung-onang equally with Count Iro showed a moderation and a desire this provision he is empowered to summon drawing closer still the links that bind the any case, a scheme which promises to arouse to conciliate which aided most materially the friendly course of the negotiations, the result being an agreement which practically Registrar-General is also empowered to sue measures for the defence of an empire whose lities of Greater Britain, and which is desprochims the independence of Koroa and provides against future rivalry by China and Japan in the attempt to arquire a military predominance in the peninsular kingdom. whose retention of her is prejudicial to under the inspiration of the possibility of command the sympathies of all beneath the In future let us hope the only rivalry be torney General abandoned the application. tween the great empires of the Far East will be one in commerce and social progress. A war between China and Japan could only be THE ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN SQUA- attended by mutual disaster, weakening both and doing nothing even to help forward the spread of Western civilization. It is the in-There is no doubt that the Pall Mall Ga- terestof both countries to make common cause gette has by its vigorous if somewhat sensa- against foreign aggression; not, by dissenthis Ordinance may appeal in a summary has in a great wave of national feeling tional articles on the condition of the British sion, to invite it. Both Chinese and Japanway to a Judge in Chambers, and the Judge swept that wordid and narrow creed away; Navy done much good by bringing under ese states nea should know that they have a may confirm the decision of the Registrare and substituted in its stead an earnest desire the public eye the weak points both in the common foe on their northern borders, whose General or may order it to be annulled. among thinking men of both great political fleet and its administration. In the course ever restless aggressiveness needs to be kept Should the Bill pass, its success or failure in parties for the union of the race. The passof of a very lengthy article published in its issue in constant check. Buth nations have sufthe discretion with which it is administered. sons of the Fatherland and the children of the ironclade in Admiral Downless Squadron has been robbed of a large slice of Manchu-

halien without any adequate recompense. It has been stated, and on good authority. gorged in 1881; it is known that she has long looked with covetous eye on the two northern provinces of Korai; and, rightly or wrongly, she is credited with designs upon Yesso. Of course, no Russian Government would attempt to seize these important territories all together, nor would they perhaps go to war to secure either; but it is conceivable—and it is perfectly in accord with Muscovite policy—that they would wait until the opportunity arose for grasping either of these plums. Had the Franco-Chinese war continued, and the rebellion which is reported to have broken out in Korean difference it is more than likely that and said he obtained from the plaintiff Russia would have stepped in and taken cancellation of the contract on the 13th February possession of Port Luzureff. Were Japan to Plaintiff said he did not understand the cancel quarrel with her over fishing rights and then seizing Yesso as satisfaction for an imaginary outrage. Japan is wisely acquiring a fleet which some day she may require to repel aggression on the part of the Russian Pacific Squadrop. Chine is prudently colonising Manchuria with a view to keep out any overflow of Russians from the other side of the Amoor. Russia has a pretext always ready for a quarrel with China in what she terms the Chinese border raids. The Peking Government ought to be careful not to be caught napping; the sleepless energy of

yer. What is needed to carb the activity of Russia is complete barmony between Peking and lokio and a defensive alliance between England, China, and Japan. Such an alliance would effectually secure the peace and tranquillity of Asia, and the mere fact of its existence would do more to check Russian schemes than a number of successful had been done. battles. Neither of these three Powers desires the territory of the other, and it is the tion would mean the serious decline of British commerce in the Bast, and the erection of a power dangerous to British interests. The overthrow of the British empire in the an imminent peril to both China and Japan, As we have stated before, the interests of China | Sharp would not let him go on because he said to dimensions, &c. and Japan demand the preservation of peace. while British commerce can only be remuneratively carried on in time of peace. It is therefore with unqualified pleasure we bear of the rapprochement that has taken place between China and Japan, a first step, let us hope, towards the attainment of such an understanding as may place all fear of future serious disagreement between them

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

BEFORE THE HON. SIE GEORGE PHILLIPPO, CHIEF JUSTICE.

Wong Shing Hing and Others v. The GOVERNMENT OF MACAO, \$100,000. Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Caldwell, appeared for the plaintiffs; the Attorney-General (Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs.

The Attorney General read the notice of on behalf of the defendants to the effect that the Wei Sing lottery monopoly at Macao, and the which they paid to the Macao Government on account of that monopoly, and consequently they procured a writ of foreign attachment

affect the "respectable" classes; but the matters, such as the construction of railways lar criticism, and it would be unmany and Court, under the Code of Civil Procedure to afternoon,

proceedings. In the first place "this was a but by Statute, and that being so, all the provisions must be regulated by the Statute. Mr. Francis proceeded to quote largely from the Code, and he argued that the Court had no power-to-deal with such an application expect when it came before the Court on the hearing of the petition filed by the plantiffs. He objected Excellency the Governor on the subject of Mr. also that when, a short time since, the plaintiffs were allowed to bring forward such application entirely unhampered, it was abandoned on the understanding that it should only be

brought forward when the plaintiffs' petition had been filed, and came on for hearing, and not then ventured to express have not met with the

petition, Mr. Francis. both countries. The protocol was sig ed at Mr. Francis said there was no rule or regulation in the f le with reference to filing the peing so they were referred back The plaintiffs had a poriod No. 144. to the old proces of six weeks for filling his petition, and he should submit they were not in default in not having of the agreement. The precise terms of the done so at the present moment. An understandprotocol have not yet been made public, but ing had been arrived at between himself and the that in compliance with the promise conveyed in though it had not been filed. It would be filed Japanese troops. It is evident that Count defendants had no grounds for complaint on most obedient servant,

> His Lordship asked the Attorney General whether, if the plaintiffs filed their petition that day, as Mr. Francis said they would, it would not satisfy him. The Attorney-General intimated that if Mr.

Francis undertook to do so it would be satis-

Mr. Francis having formally undertaken that the petition should be filed that day, and the case, proceeded with as soon as possible, the At-

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE ACKROYD:

J. RANGEL V. J. PITMAN. Mr. Wotton for the defendant.

This was a claim for balance of account allege to be due for translating documents from the Portuguese to the English language in the Grace v. Pitman case heard in 1881. Judgment was reserved in order that plaintiff might, if possible, produre some definite evidence as to the amount of work done, but no further evidence was forthcoming.

His Lordship now gave judgment for, the plaintiff for \$169 with costs.

> 28th April. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE ACKROYD.

LO YING V. GRANVILLE SHARP, 8930.

This was a claim for work done in filling i cortain marine lots. Mr. Ewens appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr.

Master (Messrs. Sharp, Johnson, and Stokes) for the defendant. Mr. Ewens said the plaintiff was a contractor

and some time ago entered into a contract with Messrs. Linetead and Davis setting on behalf of Kashgaria have apread, it is most probable Mr. Sharp for the performance of work become embroiled in any serious quarrel, it lation. He (Mr. Ewens) did not think they is not difficult to imagine Russia picking a need go into that point, however, as the present claim was simply for work and labour done since the date of the supposed cancellation. He thought the only point between the parties was

as to the value of the work done, and on that point he would suggest a reference. Mr. Master said he thought a reference would be rather premature. The defendant denied that any work was done on lots No. 177, 178, 179, and tract. The cancellation swept away the con- the plans? tract and all work done up to that time was settled for by the payment of \$507. The work that had been done since was on lot 181 under a verbal contract, and that contract was not yet completed one work had also been done on lot

completed, and the defendant had paid into court in respect of that contract the sum of 390, the price agreed upon, and \$160 in respect of work done on lot 181.

and signed his name on the contract, but he did contract. To Wan explained to him what he was 8507.25. About the 8th or 9th February Mr. ship as well as any departure from the plans as he was making too much money. Witness got the contract because his was the lowest tender.

He asked Father Vigano to speak to Mr. Sharp. and Mr. Sharptold Father Vigano that he would give the work back to him to go on with, but that he was afraid he would not finish the work as he had | time to watch the work. no security. Witness then senta man as security: work now, because Mr. Sharp would not let | right? the coolies. When Mr. Sharp gave him appeared safe. the \$507 he told him he had to have 150 men at work every day, and he always had forming the wall were not bedded.

on all the lots, not only on particular lots. When he talked to Mr. Sharp the latter's Portneness but they were bedded to a certain extent. clerk interpreted. Mr. Sharp stopped him because he wanted him to do the work for less money; he wanted to reduce it by \$5,000 and the foreman. only give him \$2,500 instead of \$7,500.

the value of the work done on the separate lots as he did them altogether and did not divide them. Mr. Sharp wrote out a contract for lot 181 but witness refused to sign it, as he wanted to reduce the price. He went on working under By his Lordship-He had done between six

By Mr. Master. He could not say what was

to be done. Could distinguish between the work done this year and that done last year. Mr. Ewens said his only other witness was Father Vigano, and he was unable to be present

and seven tenths of the whole amount of work

CORRESPONDENCE.

not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

THE PUISNE JUDGESHIP. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."" SIR, -You did me the honour of publishing letter I addressed on the 5th March last to His Ackroyd's appointment as Puisne Judge. Will you oblige me by printing, in your issue of Monday, His Excellency's reply just received. It is only fair that the public-should know, a the earliest possible moment, that the opinious approval of the Secretary of State for the His Lordship-Yes, but if you will not file a Colonies, to whose judgment I had appealed.

Yours truly, JNO J FRANCIS. Hongkong, 25th April, 1885.

(Enclosure.) Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th April, 1885. SIR.-Adverting to previous correspondence, am directed by the Governor to inform

it provides for the withdrawal of both Chi- Court that the petition should be filed as quickly my letter No. 212 of the 5th ultimo, His Ex. from the basement of the building all the way up. collency forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a copy of your letter of that date China. The Jupanese Government original. had been engaged during the past week ly, we believe, asked for an indemnity of the Boundary, but the petition, which occupied this day been received from Lord Dorby convey.

The Jupanese Government original had been engaged during the past week Acting Pulsale Judge; and that a telegram has to such an extent that the stones were not visible.

On the evidence being read over, witness said this day been received from Lord Dorby convey.

It is 800,000 and the punishment of the Chiing His Lordship's approval of Mr. Ackroyd's I caused the builder to take out some triangular nese commanders in Seoul for firing on the probably that forencon, and he submitted the appointment. I have the honour to be, Sir, your stones, and put in flat bedded ones.

W. H. MARSH. Colonial Secretary. J. J. Francis, Esq., Barrister-at-law,

HONGKONG POLICE, SHOOTING MATCH.

EIGHT CRACES V. NINE DUFFERS. The return match between the crack team of eight of the police force and nine styling themselves the duffers was fired off at the Kowloon Range on Saturday afternoon, the 25th inst. and after a very close contest resulted in another-victory for the cracks by the narrow majority of fourteen points. There was rather a strong glare from the sun, which was not conducive to good shooting, and the lafternoon was rather oppressively warm. duffers gained five points at the 200 yards, score, however, was made by a duffer, P.C.

P.C. Cameron merchanic 25. 26 23 23 71 23 ... 20 ... 19 193 186 173 NINE-DUFFERS. PiC. Enenson P.C. Fowler P.C. Craib P.C. Love P.C. Duncan Inspector Quincey ........ 20 ... 17 ... 12 .......

· 203 165 175 THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT HUNG

The adjourned inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the coolie Li Kum Tsz. who was killed by the fall of a house at Hung Ham on the 16th inst., was resumed at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Coroner, and Messrs. F. A. Coliaço,

nry. The following evidence was taken :-The Surveyor-General, Hon. J. M. Price, was re-called and said—The plan produced in the one approved in connection with this house. I do not remember the date on which it was approved His Worship-On each occasion you visited

180 subsequently to the cancellation of the con- the house was it being carried out according to. Witness-It was being carried out in accord

ance with the plans so far as the dimensions and designs were concerned, but the workmanship and masonry were inferior, but not so inferior, in the Russian intriguer is notorious the world 182, also und . orbal contract, which had been was the work done subsequently to the last inspection which caused the accident. How far does any responsibility go on seeing

the work properly carried out is it defined in any way?-My responsibility would be by pe-After some conversation, his Lordship said he | riodical inspection to see that the plan submitted thought Mr. Ewens had better go on with his was being adhered to. This does not imply evidence, as it was no use referring the matter continual supervision over the work which would unless the parties were agreed as to what work | mean that we must employ a very large number of Government Inspectors to supervise the erection Plaintiff said that some time ago he entered of every building in the colony. I may add that into a contract with Mesers. Linetead and Davis as a rule self-interest makes the builder adhere interest offeach to see the other's territory for the performance of work on certain marine to the requirements of the law, although there maintained intact. Japan under foreign lots. He was to fill up the lots 177 to 181 for are instances like the present one where house rule would be a constant menuce to China the price of \$7,500. He went on with the work | builders do a large amount of bad work in the and England; China under foreign domina- and did work to the value of \$3,000 odd. On intervals between the Government inspections. the 14th February he received \$507.25 on account I should like to emphasise that the work which caused the accident was put in subsequently to not know what the words in English meant : no | the last Government survey, as one of the juryone said anything to him about cancelling the men asked why I had allowed the work to proceeded with after I found bad work done. East by a more aggressive power would monn signing. He only said it was a receipt for should consider it my duty to stop bad workman-

> His Worship—And the guage of good work is the opinion of the Survey Department? Witness-It is. That there is a difference hetween the execution of work and the design of work. Men cannot be present during the whole

Mr. Herbert Francis Hayllar said-I am standing that he should be allowed to go on with | the colony, and to see that they are being carried | he did, and one of them had told him it had been the contract. The value of the work he had done out in accordance with the law. I know this down twice. since the receipt of the money was from \$1.000 | particular house, it has been my duty to visit | His Worship, in summing up to the jury, said to \$2,000 according to the Government schedule several times in the course of its erection. It he should ask them to be guided to a conof prices, but as he had no money to pay for was to have been a two storied house, 23 feet 6 siderable extent by what they had seen themlegal expenses he had reduced the amount. He inches high, and 50 feet long by 53 feet wide, and selves on the spot. The evidence tended a wally paid away \$700 to the head coolies, to be constructed, of stone. It was commoneed good deal to throw the responsibility of the ac-

lot was finished and he included his claim for that | had just commenced to build the second floor.

-And what would be the effect of that would the state of the weather to account for the fall of Since he received the 3507-he had done work it not be dangerous if they were not bedded?-If they were not bodded, it would be dangerous, workmanship. They had the evidence of the

them without regard to their flat bedding.

work was commenced. Did you notice it on the last occasion you amounted to a crime, he hoped the jury would went?-No.

the last occasion f-So far as I knew, they were, their duty to return a rerdict of map

When did you see the house after it had allen down?-About two o'clock the same day. Are you able to form an opinion as to the cause of its fall?—Yes; bad workmonship. The use of stones not having flat bods was the main cause of the fall.

Did you examine the stones themselves after he fall?-Yes-Were they of good quality?-Very good qua-

ty some of them. Generally !- Yes. Were they capable of being flat bedded ?-

Did you also examine the mortar !- No, but saw them using it. It was fair mortar. Would the quality of the mortar have anyhing to do with the fall--No. His Worship asked Inspector Thomson if he had any of the mortar, and that officer produced a basket of it, which he said he had taken from

different parts of the building. His Worship Mortar of that kind would not affect the stability of the building one way or the other?-No. I think not. And that is mortar of fair quality?-Yes. The Foreman said the jury wished to know whe-

ther witness saw any angular stones being used Witness-No. Between my inspections workwas done and covered over with plaster and mortar

Acting PS. Archibald McDonald, re-called stated that he saw the house fall. There was nothing in the weather to comeion the fall; it was a fine, dry day, with no wind. He was informed there were 25 men at work at this building, and he should think he had seen about 20. men employed upon it. -

.Inspector Thomson-Does the witness know whether the house, was not pulled down, or fell down in course of erection ? Witness-I heard it.

His: Worship-You don't know of your own Witness-No, it was before I went to that

Inspector Thomson said he heard the house had either been pulled down or had fallen down. Inspector Thomson was then sworn, and he said he was stationed at Yanmati, Hung Ham being in his district. He knew nothing of the present accident: he did not see the house fall, but he had seen the house in course of erection. On one occasion he saw the house built up to the first and two points at the 500 yards, but fell off un- floor, and about a week after he went there, and accountably at the 400 yards, where their op- saw it all down to the ground. Whether it had ponents headed them by 21 points. The top fallen or had been pulled down he did not know. Enenson, who performed the remarkable feat of Hung Ham partly of stone, and partly of brick. putting every shot at 500 yards into the bullseys. One house in course of erection there had one There is some talk of another nine challenging of the middle walls fallen down as the builders the present nine duffers. Appended are the wore putting a large block of granite upon it above the doorway; he was passing at the time. There were people in the house at the time, but no one was injured. He had seen the ruins of this house, but not being a practical man he could not offer an opinion as to the materials. He believed there were many stones not flat

Sui Ayee, the contractor, was re-called, as His Worship read over his previous evidence to the jury, and the Surveyor General's evidence to the witness.

His Worship said that at the last hearing he had asked Mr. Price if the builder was criminally negligent: what he should have asked was not whether he was criminally negligent out culpably Mr. Price-I have no hesitation in saying that

ie was culpably negligent. His Worship then read over Mr. Hayllar's evidence to the contractor, and cautioned him that he need answer no questions unless he pleased. He then asked the witness if he remembered being told to use flat bedded stones.

Witness said he was never told, he employed a foreman. When the Surveyor-General said that the stones were not right, they were removed and exchinuged. Changer Afuk, foreman to the last witness, said he had been told to use flat bedded stones

Witness-I complained and told the master. and he told me to use it as it was. Chan Kum Shan, the proprietor of the house, e-called and similarly cautioned, said Mr. Hayllar had told him to use fint bedded stones and he had told the last witness and the contractor to do so. Wiffiness supplied the material.

His Worship-Did you sapply flat bedded

His Worship-Why did you not?

stones P Witness.—I supplied all the materials. Did you supply him with flat bedded stones I told him to use flat stones.

Then you supplied the stones?-Yes. Did they get the stones?—Yes, they got them rom an old shop belonging to me, and I told them to pick out the good stones, according to Mr. Hayllar's orders. The old shop had not then burned, it had been pulled down as it was only a squatter's shed, and he was ordered by the Government to pull it down.

Sui Ayec, re-called, said he had built a two storied house before, and he knew how to build His Worship-Did the last witness tell you to use flat bedded stones?

Witness-Yes, and I told the foreman. Did he use them?—It must be The foreman was re-called, and said he had

complained of the foundations Mr. Hayllar, re-called, was examined by His Worship as to the house having fallen or pulled lown before as described by Mr. Thomson. Mr. Havlier said he was not aware of anvthing of the kind in this house, except a small piece he had caused to be pulled down. Inspector Thomson said the whole house had

been down before. Mr. Havlier thought it might probably be a house two lots off which had been pulled down on account of encroaching on the next lot. The proprietor, re-called, said Mr. Hayllar had caused the wall to be pulled down in the twelfth

month of last year. Mr. Hayllar said it was a very small piece which was palled down then, it had only been commenced a short time, and was not above four

Inspector Thomson said the whole of the first floor was erected before he saw the house. He but Mr. Sharp said he would pay him for what he Inspector of Buildings, and as such it is my duty could not say what time it was, but the conhad done. Witness took the 3507 on the under- to inspect all-buildings in course of erection in stables on that station knew more about it than

besides which he had three everseers, cook, about a week after China New Year, and cident from one person to another, but what the wheelbarrows. &c. to pay for. The total was was to be completed within a year of the jury had seen, in conjunction with the evidence 2930. He also did work on lot 182; there was date of the sale of the lot. The last time I given from the Survey Department, would no price agreed upon; Mr. Sharp said "When it visited the house in course of erection was assist them materially in arriving at their is finished present your bill." The work on that about a week before it fell. At that time they verdict. The building appeared to have been composed of stones, more or less loosely put toin the \$930. He was not carrying on his . His Worship-Did it then appear to you all gether; and the interstices filled with such mortar as had been produced in court. The jury work new, necesses mr. Sharp would not let tright. Witness—The workmanship was bad, but it would probably be of opinion that walls built in that way, though sufficient for a one storied In what respect was it bad?-The stones building, were not capable of sustaining the weight of two stories. There was nothing in the house, and it must have been occasioned by had

Surveyor-General and the Inspector of Buildings Didyou speak about it?—On several occasions. I that it was due to the ill shaped character of the To whom?-The owner, the contractor, and stones which had been used, and the jury had Issen for thomselves that the builders appeared What did you say to them?-I showed them to have built the house without any regard to how they should be laid. I laid, the stones on flat bedded stones in any way. The fall of the the walls, and made them understand that that house was of course a serious, matter, as it was was how I wanted it to be done. At one time, by a mere chance that all the workmen were not until I showed them, they were laying the stones engaged upon it when it fell, and if it had not, anyhow, and on one occasion I saw a long stone fallen before it was completed, in all human being laid on its thin end. They were laying probability it would have done so when occupied. and crowded with tenants, as most Chinese houses When did you notice this?--Soon after the were. In that case the less of life would have been considerable and the jury must therefore And on each time you visited them after that seriously consider the case. If they considered that did you find the same fault again?-Yes. anyone had been guilty of any neglect which

have no hesitation in finding a verdict to that It was then going on all right on the last effect. Of course the guilt in such a case was a matter of degree, and if they considered that And were they using flat bedded stones on anyone was culpable to that extent, it would be returns verdiet of feetdental death" and appoind rather easily. Time, 2 min. 511 sees,

the jury, and commented upon it. After some consultation the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and appended the following rider :- "We consider that the owner, contractor, and foreman are guilty of gross negligence in not having carried out the instructions of the Government Inspector as to the use of flat bedded stones. We also consider that if the Government Inspector's visits were more frequent or more careful, there would be less accidents."

His Worship asked the jury whether they meant more frequent and more caroful visits than those disclosed by the evidence.

The Foreman said they did. His Worship asked him if they wished him to record that expression of opinion.

The Foreman replied they did. His Worship said he would forward the rider, but at the same time he should consider it his duty to state that he did not concur with that expression of opinion. The avidence showed that there had been a reasonable amount of inspection and the builder had been repeatedly cantioned as to the stones he used. It could only be expected that there would be a reasonable amount of inspection.

The Foreman said he hoped to be allowed to say that was a matter of opinion. His Worship said it was so, and the jury were quite competent to form their opinion, but he should feel it his duty to state that he did not agree with the opinion expressed in the rider ap- Mr. Owl's Toot, 10st, 12lbs. pended to the verdict.

BRITISH CHARTERED CRUISERS IN HONGKONG.

One of the vessels chartered by the English Government in view of the Angle Russian complication arrived here from England on the 24th April, and took up her buoy in the man-ofwar anchorage. She is the Pembroke Castle, a splendid steamer of 4,000 tons, which has been taken from the Capo Mail Service' (Messrs | EVENTS IN NORTH FORMOSA Donald, Currie & Co.'s line) for this work, and now lies here awaiting the orders of the Naval anthorities. She came from London, with no sarab, under the flag of the Royal Naval Reserve, and on the bows and aft she has painted the number 11 in large figures, which signify that to the Naval authorities she is known as Transport No. 11. She is a fourteen knot speed, and it is expected she is intended for use as a light cruiser in case of war botween England and Russia. She is manned at present by her usual crew, but she will doubtless be armed and manned at this port if she is used for the work in contemplation. The Pembroke Castle is a red funnelled steamer carrying four musts, and is handsomely litted for massenger accommodation with a large deckhouse amidships, over which is a long hurricane deck. In the afternoon the vessel went round to Aberdeen Dock to have her bottom cleaned, and to be painted. She has been used as a transport before in the Soudan cam. pain, Mesers. Currie & Co. having placed their fleet at the disposal of the Government. other of the chartered craisers, the P. and O. steamer Rosetta, is already here. She is a well known boat in this port, and until the last new steamers were built she was scarcely to be beaten possibly be pushed a trifle beyond that under favourable conditions in emergency. Massilia and Chusan, of the same company in speed. These vessels should make squadron of fast cruisers fully able to cope with the fast vessels of the Russian volunteer -ordnance up to 64-pounder calibre—and the crows will probably be taken from some of the weaker gunboats, perhaps increased by volunteers taken from the colony; if so it should be a

beachcombers on their feet again. is being got ready for similar work.

Some guns were taken on board the former on the 28th April and the Rosetta is being prepared to receive her armament of nine guns. We hear that Captain Brady and his officers have all volunteered for service on board the Rosetta.

FOOCHOW SPRING RACES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

SECOND DAY, 15th April. On the night of the 13th rain fell in sheets inches, and/as the morning was wet and gloumy the Stewards postponed the races for a day, and well were they rewarded as Wednesday was bright and cool, just a day to enjoy a pic-nic in the open air. The Course was slow and corners had to be negotiated with care. All ponies ran in plates. Following are details of the run-

The Ledge Cup. (presented), value 3—; for all China ponies; weights are per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 10lbs, extra, of two or more 141bs, extra; entrance 35. Once

good race till the straight was entered,

Major Bagstock's Wild Waif, 10st. 12lbs. ... Mr. Spider's Heeltap, 10st. 12lbs.....

Mr. Rellum's Mongol, 10st. 12lbs. The Bagstock Cup, (presented), value \$100; for 101bs, extra; entrance 35. One mile.

All four griffins started for this No Savee and Blair Athol carrying 10ths, penalty. Hoot was backed against the field, took the lead, ran away from his ponies, and won easily. Time, 2. min. 19 secs.

Mr. OwPs Hoot, 10st. 6lbs..... Mr. Jenney's Colong, 11st. 7lbs. Mr. Norton's No Saves, 10st. 12lbs... The AMOY CUP, (presented), value \$150; for all

China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of I mile and over 71bs, extra, entrance \$5. One mile and a half. Kinsman took the lead and kept it for about

s mile, but when the others were called upon he was out of it. Cruiser won easily. Time, 3 тіп. 30 восв.

Mr. Norton's Cruiser, 11st 4lbs. ..... Sir William's-Grazioso, 10st. 12lbs. ... Mr. Proseye's Kinsman, 10st. 12lbs. for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners of the Consular Cup, Spring Cup, or Le-

10lbs extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

The field got away to a fair start, Hoot and Merry Monk struggling for the lead but the larger pony was never headed and won easily in 1 min. 40 2-5ths secs. Mr. St. Andrew's Merry Monk, 11st. 4lbs ... Mr. Owl's Hickory's 10st. 12lbs. Mr. Owl's Hoot, 10st. 9lbs...

The HACK STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added: for all China ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting, except for the Cosmopolitan Cup: have never won a race allowed 10lbs. Half-a-

Not a good start for the good reason that the lower the class of animal the more trouble it gives. Creedmoor got away with an advantage of three or four lengths, but having been trained with 200lbs, up went to pieces ero 100 yards had been covered. Glory came well through his ponies and won easily. Time, 65 3-5ths secs. Mr. Robin's Glory, 10st. 12lbs. Mr. Cordisk's Wild Ibex, 10st. 9lbs .

Mr. Yorke's Stratlineffer, 10st. 12:bs. The Consolation Cup, value \$100; second pony \$25: for all bond fide non-winners at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One-

Heeltap and Kinsman ran together for about half a mile when the latter gave place to Toot, who, however, could not catch the lead, and Heeltap won by one and half lengths. Time.

2 min. 15 1-5th secs. Mr. Spider's Heeltap, 10st. 12lbs...... Mr. Owl's Toot, 10st, 12lbs. Mr. Proseve's Kinsman, 10st. 12lbs 🕾 The CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$100 | cessary arrangements with up-river agents, &c., added a forced entry for winners excepting of &c., and to clear out with a trunk and box of Hack Stakes and Consolation Cup; winners of business books only by the Cockchafer would be two races \$15 extra, of more than two \$40 extra; weights as per scale. One-mile-and-a-

quarian

had been neglect, but of sufficiently grave Ewo, and the others fancled at various prices. a character for such a verdict, they could Cruiser was run in front all the way and won in a rider an expression of their opinion. His Mr. Norton's Craiser, list...... Worship then read over some of the evidence to Mr. Roderick's Ewo, 12st. ..... Major Bagstock's Whitechapel, 12st. The Cosmopolitan Cup, (presented), value 8for all China ponies; weights 12 stone; to be

> 85. Three-quarters-of-a-mile. Merry Monk went to the front and remained there throughout though hard pressed by Grazioso at the finish. The winner has been nick named "'The pot hunter."

> > OFF DAY, 16th April.

Mr. St. Andrew's Merry Monk, 12st .... Sir William's Grazioso, 12st..... Mr. Rodorick's Ewo, 12st.

This was also a very fine day, and the cours proved very fast. The following events too AMOY JOCKEYS' CUP, value \$100; presented; at this meeting; weights as per scale; entrance \$5 (to go to second pony). Tockeys to draw for their mounts, any Jockey refusing to ride his draw to pay the pony's entrance fee. Five ponies entered for this race and speculation on the result was quite lively, Oolong and Hickory being favourites. Toot was despised on account of his known want of pluck. Hickory and Mongol went off in front at a great pace

(first quarter 32, second 323, third 301), but at the last quarter Toot ran up to, and past them and won easily in 1 min. 35 secs. surprising no one so much as his owner. Mr. Rellum's Mongol, 10st, 12lbs..... Mr. Rellum's Manchu, 10st. 12lbs ..... MAFOOS RACE, once round; weights 10st.

Very fast time, I min. 18; secs. or about 1 min. 33 sees, for three-quarters of a mile. Mr. St. Andrew's Merry Monk, 12st. (Fles) Mr. Norton's Craiser, 12st..... (Joe) Sir William's Grazioso, 12st... (John Scott) This ended a very pleasant meeting.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. Tansui, 16th March.

Our last reported the arrival of the Swift, but ewing to the unsettled state of affairs consequent on the news brought on by her there was no time is supposed that she came round purposely to versus "the head of the police" mounted on a vessel but at a pinch can improve upon that to write up "events." Soon after the Swift's see if the Cockehafer would get out with a view donkey. Although the donkey gave the pony cutter arrived in the river, it became pretty perhaps of slipping into port at the same time. about 28lbs. at least in about 400 yards and regenerally, known that orders from the Admiral Of course the time of departure would be top of ceived 100 yards start, in about 400 yards, the had been sent to Captain Boteler to leave Tam. high water about noon or a little before. The veteran C. O. Course came in an easy winner sui and its affairs to take care of themselves, movements of the Vipore created some sensation and with hands down. Prizes in all amounted Hongkong. A circular was sent round to the rities that the Cockchafer must stay where she is. residents stating that the Swift would take any General Scon, it is said, had stated it would be to take on board the Cockchafer any residents who eared to leave in her for Hougkong. The in speed by any vessels in that-company's large thereof could be scarcely realised. The Swift We are in a veritable prison, and may remain fleet. She is a fifteen knot boat, and may was circulated to leave early to-morrow and all here till the war is over. Rained nearly all day. those ready to go by her were given to understand that they must be ready by half-past seven fleet, also expected here soon on the same in the morning. If there was no room in the shore and the Duguay-Trouin further out. Bervice, are both magnificent new steamers, and foreign bests; pilot bests must be engaged, &c. both are probably at least equal to the Rosetta We may repeat that for some weeks past the . The two French ships "as they were" yester- though we may be quite wrong in this confleet. The guns for them are in the colony four to five feet in diameter, full of large stones | Cockehafer had tried to cross the bar, what eight miles to the south of the entrance of the good opportunity for putting a number of our enter by certain narrow channels close inshere been libe going into a wasp's nest bareheaded. or at soldiers on shore. where of course they would be brought within unless a simulfancous combined movement of The Pembroke Castle, or Transport No. 11, as close distance of the soldiers guarding both sides the two ships had been made, with snother at-26th April, and took her place again in the of the river. The Swift's boat came through tempt at landing. Could this have been effected side. It is not known for certain what she was man-of-war anchorage, where she is being got all right, but the steam-launch belonging to successfully without the Atalante and Daguay- firing at yesterday on the Southern side of the ready for the work of a light armed cruiser. Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co., which has done Trouin outside? We think not! The Chinese river near Namkan Point. Erom Sund Point, The P. and G. steamer Rosetta, flying light, such good service on all other similar occasions, on the 8th October last had only a few thousand the spit, at the southern entrance of the river also took up her position near this vessel, and she was prevented from communicating with the men and two batteries, the bar was certainly to Namkan, the country is called in old map Preparations are going on on board both the Swift. Unless a passage had been "out" or blocked up, and in rear was a field of torpedoes. Pah-li-fun—the local pronunciation sounds very Pembroke Castle and Resetta to it them up us | "blown up" purposely to admit of her exit—it | The French were then represented by La Galis much like Paddy Hoon. Therm, 78 deg. in the quite near the Leeguen. This really terrified is doubtful whether she even would get over the obstructions laid down. If therefore the lanuch could not go out of port, it soon became apparent

In the early part of the day and during the afternoon even it was still hoped that the Chinese authorities, who had always since the commencement of hostilities shown a very friendly feeling towards foreigners on shore would meet the register showing in the morning I 1-10th the views of the English Admiral by making a channel for the gunboat to go through. These hopes were fondly indulged in by the gallant commander and all his officers and men and by most European residents, and it Chinese troops have not been idle of late. became necessary for every one to consider quickly whether to go or stop, for it was given out that if the Cockchafer could get out Calm as a millpond. Only one ship outside, she would leave by the forenoon tide serving When will the French strike again, and where. at about 11 o'clock on the following day, that is, some four hours or so after the Swift. The North East monsoon; equinoctial gales are all orders given to the Swift to take to the Cockchafer over, it would appear. There is a summer feeling when Wild Waif drew, away. Time, 1 min. 24 | are very peremptory and no one will question the lin the air. Therm. 67 deg. Bar. 30.46. necessity which dictated thom. It has, however, seemed to us most extraordinary throughout this France-Chinese war of reprisals, that H.M.'s The launch Alice, belonging to Messrs. Douglas gan-vessels which have been ordered to call here Lapraik & Co., took a party up to the Sulphur all China ponies that have never run previous during the past six months (every month or so). Springs. The Duquay-Trouin the only ship to this meeting; weights as per scale; winners have immediately after communicating with the outside. Cockchafer and Consul exhibited an excessive desire to clear out of it again, hurrying away, often without giving time to any one to reply to inward letters of the greatest importance. The orders may be to communicate, land stores, and landing in boats. retire rapidly; but it is rather hard on shore people notwithstanding, and in the present instance of the Swift's visit and the offer to take us away should any one be disposed to leave makes it all the harder still. Who, with the short notice given, with properties in charge of Chipese up the river, and produce, &c., stored in godowns at Tamsui, could so arrange his affairs as to leave with barely twenty hours notice ! 2 Only one gentleman could get away, and it 3 was by the merest chance that he managed The STAND STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; to get off in the Cockchafer's boat. There would have been a difficulty about obtaining ger Cup 7lbs. extra; if of two of these races a pilot boat or any other boat, and no arrangement whatever was made by the Consul with the yesterday for an hour or more only-leaving the side. authorities, as far as we know, about pilot boat taking off residents anxious to leave by the Swift. It was a very difficult matter to decide even whother to leave a few hours later in the Cockchafer the feeling of the residents generally could not be readily ascertained, so it was proposed that a meeting-should be held for the purpose at 9 p.m. Just as the meeting was opened news came that weights 71bs. over weight for inches; riders who General Soon had forbidden the removal of obstacles placed in the river until authority could be received from Liu Ming-chuan, who was in the neighbourhood of Wan Wan. It was soon, however, ascertained that the Customs people were unable to leave without orders from the Inspector-General, and that Consul Frater had decided not to leave until the Swift returned with telegraphic orders from Peking, &c. We were note withstanding given to understand that if it were possible for the Cockchafer to get acrosthe bar of course with the knowledge and sanos tion of the Chinese authorities -she would leave Tameni as speedily as possible for Hongkong. It is doubtful whether the merchant element

would be able or willing to get away. No one felt

more puzzled than they how to act to get away

by the Swift on the following morning at 7 o'clock,

finding your way over the bar as best you could.

was simply next to impossible, and to make ne-

an extraordinary precedure on the part of any

way. It is true that nearly every one has sent at we are tert to hive ondressy on the country, and the Constitute of all articles of without a grabout to look in to see whother we Langson and have taken the Pescadores, and suit. He was then silenced; and when asked to ment, preferring to send to China for a Doctor. produce, &c., stored in godowns, as well as of are alive or dead.

furniture and personal effects, but leaving these enddenly in the hands of Chinese employes, would create a sort of panic amongst them, and present month the French.do not make any unless H.B.M.'s Consul had made special ar- movement towards taking Tamsul, then we may and officers of the Army and Navy; entrance rangements with the authorities to have guards make up our minds to be shut up here for a long placed in our houses and godowns, it would be time more. April is the month of all months in tempting certain Celestials with no very decided the first half of the year to disembark troops. opinions about meum and tuum to take an early The first three months of the year are often opportunity of selecting for themselves anything stormy and a north-easter is liable to get up any or everything that struck their fancies. The moment. April, however, is generally a calm, Chinese prevented robbery and looting at Ke- foggy month, but little-surf as a rule, and if a lung after foreigners had left up to the time north-easter does come down it is always of short that the French took possession of Helung duration. From May till next equinox—you are and drove them away from the neighbourhood never safe—young typhoons get up, often to the of foreign hongs, and we believe they are able to north, and after whisking their tails round rather do the same at Hubei as they did at Kelung and smartly on occasions, they either travel down the three-quarters of a mile; for all ponies beaten have done at Twatutis since the bombardment East Coast towards Manila, or carl round the of Tamsui. There was, however, no notice that South end of the island, and across to Hongkong

> merchants leaving by the Swift or Cockchafer. who are anxious to leave our prison at all typhoon even? The Duguey-Trouin and Volta 3 risks, may be happy yet, especially, if time is are ontside, the latter far to the north. Therm.

given to arrange matters. TAMSUI, 17th March. The Cockchafer's boat took the only passenger 2 over the bar this morning and the Swift got Sports for the Cockchafer's marines and blue 3 underweigh for Hongkong very early: The jackets came off to-day, on the Cricket Ground, 10 per cent. on the paid-up capital be paid to sharehills between Kimpsoli and Kelung rapids. 18th March.

A gunboat like the Vipore or Lynz came round. The day's amusement finished up with a race year. from Kelung and had a good look at the bar. It between the Clerk of the Course on ponyback and to proceed with all possible despatch to on shore and more than ever decided the autho- to about \$150. awkward position, expressed also his willingness Vipere bore out the correctness of his views. iden that Tameni merchants were to be lefte ed on the bar for some time, the idea being poswithout the protection of a naval force here was I sibly that the Cockchafer would steam out at extremely startling and for a time the fact night. Every one more disconsolate than ever.

> Drizzling all day. The Athlanic close in-20th March.

sonnière, a host in herself, the Triomphanis, shade. Duguay-Trouin, and the Vipère, a superior force to that now available, whereas the Chinese are that the Cockchafer would experience far greater now stronger—ten times stronger in every way -and the French would admit the same if they could only see behind the curtain and be made for their next recogtion. It is one's duty duty. Did not Shakespeare somewhere write? He said mum! and she said Budget! The Atalants fired to-day four or five shots; one of them fell on the south side of the river, where

no doubt it can be seen from the ship that the TAMBUL 21st March. Fine day. Warm and foggy out to seaward. are the reinforcements that were expected?

22nd March Another fine day; Therm. 72 deg. in the shade

23rd March. Bar. low, 30.32 (glass rather high set). Therm. 741. Very hot and steamy Only one ship out. A Chinaman just arrived from Hongkong via side. Just the weather for operations such as Amoy, thence by junk to a West Coast port, re-

24th March: Bar. 30.35. Therm. 74 deg. in the shade. The makes fightee that Loosian man." Of course the Duquay-Trouin the only ship outside still. In the Swift on her lest visit brought news to same afternoon at about 3 p.m. the Duquay-Trowin got effect, but has war been declared, is almost of as underweigh and steamed to the northward. In an much importance to us now to know, as it is to hour's time she was back again at her usual know what the French are going to do here, and anchorage. Whilst out of sight all sorts of when they are going to re-commence operations. ramours were circulated, but her sudden re- It will to-morrow be just six months since they appearance checked the hatching of many more tried ineffectually to take Hûbei. The therm. all ready no doubt for circulation.

25th March. Trouin and a vessel supposed to be the Volta hope for six months is a very wearisome occupaoutside. The departure of the Duguay-Trouin tion. The Duguay-Trouin is the only vessel outport apparently without a guard ship for the first time since the blockade was established on 23rd October last caused the hirth of a wild report, which no one could swallow, viz., that the

French were evacuating Kelung! Misty morning. Volta not visible. Duguay. Trouin's well known form in her usual place. Came on to rain in the afternoon. Rained

heavily all night, with thunder and lightning. 27th March. Rained heavily all morning. Bar. up to 30.60. Therm. down to 64 deg. Only one ship outside. A vessel like the Atalante seen passing to the

A shot fired towards sunset.

29th March. Fine weather again. Duguay-Trouts the only vessel outside.

30th March. Fine day. Only the Duguay-Trouin outside in the morning, but the Volta came round for a few hours and returned-to Kelung.

31st Merch. Very warm, uneventful day. Duquay-Trouin and Volta outside. Great scarcity of all kinds of stores; the want of serated waters is beginning to be felt, none having been tasted for four spanned now by a bridge, if you may call it so some time to acknowledge the offensiveness of place. Rice and all kinds of food very dear. A prison life we are leading. No naws from applied by Chinese authors to the savege hordes has gone over to the majority, and Selanger has Gazette, 30th March. months and more. Not much flour left in the lessens the chance of a speedy release from the the word we have translated "gang," which is one entrusted with properties, which he had no

Weather bright and calm. If during the [27th February, Hongkong) report, that re-

special protection would be given to properties, and Swatow, or they strike north towards &c., by the Chinese Authorities in the event of Ningpo and Shanghai. We seldem experience a centre here, but we get either the tail end As, however, the Cockchafer cannot get out of or a commencement or outer oircle very often port until the blockade is raised or Tamsui during the season. If one of these circular taken, or a passage is made for her through the storms, with the wind strong from the North, obstacles on the bar, there is no necessity just at visits the place, the French fleet must cut and present to refer further to the subject; sufficient | run; Nature herself will then raise the blockade for the day is the evil thereof. If the Cock- of Tamsui! If French vessels drag in a strong chafer is allowed to cross the bar, some of its north-easter, what will they do in a tail end of

70 deg. Bar. 30.44.

Beautiful day, but very warm. The Athletic French must know that the Cochehafer has a fine open space, situated close to the Cometery, holders, on interim bonus of 25 per cent. be declared orders, as they seem to be on the alert more than on the upland in rear of the Customs assistants' usual. Fighting is reported in the neighbour- dwelling and not far from Oxford College. hood of Kimpaoli, i.e., somewhere amongst the There were short and long distance running races, long and high jumps, throwing the cricket but being eligible effor themselves for re-election. ball, an obstacle race, &c., &c. The courses were The French are on the qui vive this morning: -well marked out and everything went off well. themselves for re-election as auditors for the current

Fine, brightday. The Duguay-Trouin seemed impolitio to make an opening in the bar special- to be very restless all to-day. She got up steam anticipating a happy release from his present ly for the Cockchafer, and the appearance of the early in the morning and fired several shots to to us by a friend who has had an opportunity of the expectation that it will be opened for lieutenant. For the same of Ra 6,000 they the north, one of which killed two Chinese sal-At about high water, 11 to 12 p.m., the elec- diers near the earth battery, knocking the head tric light from the Duguay-Trouin entside play- off one of them, and another projectile falling on the local northern steamers and asked if any- between the part and Kiyoto and Osaka. - Ohoya the Cricket Ground, embedding itself there. What a commotion there would have been, if they had fired in that direction the day before. The Cricket Ground is some distance in rear of the earth battery, and the gun must have been elevated Captain asked the mate whether he thought it a little too high. This desultory firing is, to say was fit to leave. The Mate: who is a daring the least of it, extremely unsatisfactory; the Chinese soldiers would prefer a bombardment to these solitary reminders, we should think, Chinese authorities have been laying down split | day. The Vipère came round again from Kelung, | jecture! In the afternoon the Duguay-Trouin bamboo baskets of a circular shape, each about | waited till past high tide, then returned. If the steamed down towards Namkan Point, about right across the narrowest part of the entrance | would have been the Vipère's little game? river. Something must have displeased the old and the anchor was soon weighed. Captain Sings of the river, blocking it up almost entirely, so | Something dashing no doubt, but if she had | Sea King again, for we distinctly heard her much so that cargo boats even and gigs can only succeeded in getting into port, it would have pounding away with her guns at either a junk

The Duguay Trouin still keeps sentinel out-

Fine day; calm outside. The Dayuay-Trouis peacefully disposed to-day.

Awfully hot. Therm. 78 again and nothing aware of the grand preparations that have been but condensed water or tea to slake one's thirst with. Every one hoping that the gun- too far away to be seen. The ship was in total was found, impossible to take her into the Tan- He was quickly relieved of all these, and of his to be neutral; one must therefore perform one's boat will come Swiftly and bring a supply of darkness, but one of the crew was looking out jong. Pagur Dock here, the water at the sill money; and some time afterwards, was bester by sodawater and as the widow's cruise is out, a smoking a cigar. He was requested to put it being only 20 feet, and consequently the Missin taste of something in the shape of alcohol of Scotch manufacture. The British Consul went ed. Another score for the captain, he would vouch had already been docked before. Although up the river to-day, with one or two Chaszees. Musters of new tens on show. - Planters getting enxious about this season's business, so also are foreigners. The country produces say 300,000 half-chests annually, equal to roughly 100,000 picula costing on an average 330 per picul short, equal in value to say three millions of dollars. If the ten tradeisstopped this year, the growers of te a will suffer the labourers engaged in picking. ouring, and packing will be out of employ, and the foreign merchants, all British, will lose heavily. The Americans, who consume eleventwelfths of the teas grown in Formosa, will have to go back on Amoy and Focchow Oolongs, which will injure their palates for years to come.

Reports from Kelung state that there are only seven French ships there. We are all most anxious to hear further about European affairs. ports that there were "too muches man-of-war at Hongkong, and some man talkee England is up to 80 in the shade. All are well here so far, and on that account we ought to be thankful. Fine but cloudy and cooler. The Duquay and must hope for the best. Hoping against

The Duguay-Trouin outside. A courier arrived overland from Taiwanfoo with news that there was now no likelihood of a war with Russia. Admiral may be able to spare a gunboat to visit Tamsui once more. The intelligence of the death of Sir Harry Parkes has been received here with profound regret. 9th April.

More news from Taiwanfoo that on the 28th ultimo there were two French vessels there off same day in addition, and that these vessels went latter all the most offensive expressions are a foundation—report says that they have got to Makung Bay in the Pescadores and took Rain cessed in the night. Bar. 30.50. Therm. the place. A magazine, it is reported, and 500 62 deg. Duquay Trouin the only vessel outside. soldiers were blown up there. Blowing from passages, and particularly to those words in N.E. to-day; quite a change; therm. down to 70 deg.; barometer 30.50.

Beautiful day. The stone and hamboo bridge right across the entrance from Sand Point, to the Spit running out into the river the other side of the Pilot village appears complete now, and this has been ercoted under the very eyes of the French ships. It is not giving information to the French, for they could not help seeing tion: We have heard two most amusing Chinese this work going on, as well as others which it is not our business to point out. The river being

it's an Imperial Docree!"

inforcements are near at hand, then in the next week or two we ought to expect to witness another naval display here on a larger scale than heretofore. If there is to be more fighting, let it come quickly. The Chinese will stand; we believe, and there will be a terrible slaughter. Life is too short; to shake hands and be friends would be far better. All foreigners well here.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE "COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the second ordinary meeting of the shareholders to be held at the Shanghai Club on Tuesday, the 5th May, at 2.30 p.m. :-

The directors have pleasure in submitting the an neved andired balance sheet and statement of accounts to 31at December, 1884, and in congratulating the hareholders on the successful results of the company's business during the past year. The net premis carned during the six menths July to December amounted to Tacla 692,320.98, and the losses paid during the same period to Taels 350,178.09.
The balance carried forward is Taels 272,532.20, making a total of Taels 812,639.35 at credit of working acount for the year.

The claims settled since 1st January last on accor the underwriting for 1884 amount to Taels 86,000 and further claims still to be paid in respect of known casualties are estimated at Taels 52,000. The sum of Taels 11,186.85, being 20 per cent. on the amount of the company's claim on the Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liquidation, has been written off as provision against possible less on this account, amply aufficient for the purpose. The directors recommend that out of the profit o the company for the year 1884, interest at the rate of

on shareholders' contributions, and the sum of Taels 100,000 be placed to reserve fund. In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, the present directors retire from office

Mesers Peter Maclean and Augustus White offer

By order of the Court of Directors, J. KENNARD DAVIS, Secretary. Shanghai, 16th April, 1895.

A YARN FROM THE "LEEYUEN."

The Chinese transport ship Leeyuen arrived latter end of March and then left for Woosung. thing had been seen of the French. Being told Shimbun. that three war vessels, were at anchor near Shaweishan, the captain of the Looynen gave up every hope of starting for the North. Th. night was very dark, and it began to rain. The sort of a character, answered in the affirmative, but the Captain still thought it was not worth while to take the risk. A few hours later, Captain Sims again called for his Chief Officer telling him that it was very dark and there was every hope of them getting clear of the French. The Chief Officer, seeing that the Captain was more than half inclined to leave, said to him, I'll go forward, and we will start at once, and he went ordered that there should be no lights put ap and that the engine room should be covered with canvas so that no light could be visible; the Leeyuen, then taking the southern channel, proceeded on her voyage. They ran along the bank in very shullow water, and soon sighted the French at another near Shaweishan. The Ch officer reported it to the Captain, saying that he

was under the impression that the Leeduen had been seen. Captain Sims, excited at this, toro up and down the bridge saying "We must go back." "No," says the mate, "it will be use-At this moment one of the French vessels flashed their electric light, and it was he Captain, for he immediately gave the order Korean Coast, and from there they went to the Minis into the Dock here." Round Island and thence to Port Arthur. Ah, how glad they were whon the electric lights. mounted on the surrounding hills of Port Arthur, shined upon them and the French had missed them. The Lesysten then proceeded to Tientsin, and is now on the Port Arthur-. Tientsin line. We hear she has been in trouble in the Peiho.—Courier.

' THE OHINESE IMPERIAL PEAC

The Shanghai Courier gives the following translation of the above edict of the 7th April from the Hu-pao of the 20th idem :-

Proposals for peace having come forward from the French and no further demands being made in addition to those made in the Treaty of Tientain, the proposals have been agreed to. In the convention proposed it has been stipulated that in the country lying east of Hsuan knang in Annam, hostilities are to cease on the 15th April, that the Chinese troops are to be withdrawn on subsequently recalled to China, is said to be everything movable, and destroyed as much as: the 25th April, and that these are all to have about to return to Koron to resume the somreached the Kuangsi frontier on the 5th of May; mand of the troops. Kin Koshu, second ministhat in the country lying west of Hallan-kunng, ter of the Korean Government, who is now out the little brass bolts might be carried off. Books hostilities are to cease on the 25th of April, Chi- of office, is seriously consured by the Chinese. nese troops are to be withdrawn on the 5th of officials in Korea, for having signed the conven- for sale; and some valuable works were entirely May, and that these are all to have reached the tion with the Japanese commissioner involving lost because the officers of the steamer did not Yunnan frontier on the 4th of June.

hostilities are to cease on the 15th of April, and Korean Government are said to have applied to that France will then raise the blockade of these the Chinese Government for the withdrawal of orders; that the lands on which they had built

to enjoin obedience to this agreement, yet, since classes of the people are deserting the capital, of this very king are sent up from the capital to previous to the definite conclusion of their treaty selling all their property. The embassy has re- plunder and rob, and that in the face of a special it may still be feared that the other party (tete, turned to Ninsen from Japan by a German request signed by the Missionaries sent to the kin or clan, lit. all those following the same ban- steamer which a German firm has chartered to Kin Woon Mingyee, when the Missionaries had ner) might treacheronaly back out from their run between ports in Kores on trial; Mr. von to flee from Bhamo. The hottest day this year -82 in the shade pact and seek some pretext to rush forward for Mollendorff has succeeded in procuring for the an unforeseen attack, we cannot help taking the steamer a subsidy from the Korean Government strictest measures to guard against this. We, therefore command the Tartar Generals, Viceroys and Governors in the coast provinces and the This news is very good, if true, for perhaps the Viceroys and Governors in Yunnan and Kuangsi, as well as the high officials in charge of the military in the several districts, to issue instructions for keeping strict guard, and to always exercise the greatest care in keeping themselves well informed, etc. Respect this!

> The N. C. Daily News, defending its translation of the Shen-pao's abstract of the edict. says :- The only difference between the Shen of both documents is the same. We therefore them which we have italicised :- "The French have now come to sue for peace; and as they beg for nothing beyond the Treaty of Tientsin, we have consented to grant their petition." "But, before the terms of the Treaty are definitively settled, it is to be feared that that

gong in their perfidy, will watch their opportunity to ferociously break out." In the first paragraph the word "come" is significant; it means that the French have taken the initiative, approached the offended severeign, and presented their petiominions on the latter paragraph. One man, pointing to it, exclaimed. Those are the words days have brought of war, not of peace! The other refused for cooled the air.

collequial expressisons queted in which the The Captain had a bad cough for a long time, character is used as a term of contempt and in- but refused to undergo European medical treathave destroyed two more Chinese men-of- give his candid opinion upon whother the use of About three months ago, what appeared to be an war, as is reported; if, moreover, as late papers; that and the other expressions was justifiable, abscess in the lungs burst, and after that, to all he exclaimed, aghast at such irreverence, "But

JAPANESE ITEMS.

"MAIL" AND "GAZETTE" TRANSLATIONS: Two hundred and twenty metal guns of old pattern forged by foundal lords have been sent to the Osaka Mint to be used as material for coin-

The factory of the Osaka Weaving Company, the capital of which has been recoully increased to five hundred and sixty thousand yen, has been

are expected to arrive by three other ships.

on business in Tokiyo:-Bukka Shimpo. years attained such proportions and led to the gistrate and Member of Conneil. At 10 o'clock construction of numerous manufactories in the at night five guns were it at from the Jos principal towns, has undergone a sudden decline. House, and at 7 o'clock the following morning The over-supply of the goods lowered their price live guns were fired when the body was placed in by some thirty per cent, in January last, and it is the coffin. Should the Government deem it adstill decreasing. One cause of the decline is visable to make another Capitan, China, Towkay said to be careless dyeing of the material, which | Ah Shak of Kwala Lumper, who is a native Macompels merchants to sell off the commodity gistrate and also a Kay, is named for the post. shortly after being manufactured lest, it should | Straits Times Correspondent;

lose its colour. The current belief respecting the ravision of Foreign Treaties is that the Government will permit mixed residence of Japanese and foreigners at the five treaty ports and two or three other prosperous towns. The port of Tauruga, here early in February from Shanghai-kwan to Yechigo, is said to be one of the towns to be undergo repairs. She remained here until the opened for foreign commerce, and this opinion is strongly supported by the fact that both the bruary 20th and 21st. The French hearing that the Lecymen intended Mitsu Bishi Kwaishn and the Kiyodo Unyuto go North, kept a good look out for her, so Kwaishs, and the Department of war as that Captain Sims, her commander, had not a well, have purchased lots of-land there, chance to leave. The following story is related Soveral people have already shifted to the town Woosung one Sunday morning, and steamed to the Hokkaide, and the construction of the Ogaki Bush Island buoy, where she boarded one of railway has greatly facilitated communication mass with overwhelming forces have failed to do

THE BREAK DOWN OF THE BRITIS

STEAMER "SUEZ" The Penang Gazette of the 19th instant has the following information regarding the break down of the steamer Suez :- "The P. and O. steamer Rosetta, which arrived herelastnight with the English Mailof April 7th, brought to Penang, in tow, the British steamer Suez, of London, 1.590, Wm. Dodd, Master, from Carliff for Hon kove with coals, which had broken her shaft and had been drifting for seven days be fore the mail steamer fell in with her, last Sunday, some 650 miles from this port. Until this opportunity occurred no stonmer had been sighted bound for the Straits. Several vessels had been sighted homeword bound, and most of those even were too great a distance off to allow of their being communicated with by signal. The Rosatta, with the Siez, in tow, arrived in the harbour about 9 p.m. having steamed at the rate of 9 knots an hour from starting towage. We understand the hawsen broke once, but

Rosetta doing the work splendidly. BREAK DOWN OF THE RUSSIAN

IRONOLAD "MININ" out or smoke below; it might be seen. Next will leave to-morrow (21st in at.) for Butavia in morning, shortly after day break, smoke was sight tow of the Dutch steamer Bintain, where she it was the Erench after him, so instead of going Captain Granquist officed to discharge all the north he steered due East for five hours, which | guns and bring down the maste and lighten her brought him to St. James Hall's group off the in every way, yet it was found impossible to take

KOREA.

The Nichi Nichi Shimbun has received a telegram from a correspondent at Fusan in Korea dated the 14th April to the effect that the people of Bishu have risen in rebellion and attacked the family of Min, and 500 troops have been despatched to the scene of disturbance. This re- Bhamo this time last year, and many of the port, however, requires further confirmation, because the Government are said to have received no such telegram. Considering the engerness of the Koreans to recover the Tai-won-kun from China and their consequent hatred towards Min on account of his intimate connection with

China the occurrence of such disturbances as

reported above is matter of possibility. Advices from Ninsen say that the two Chinese men-of-war Kaikio and Taian are anchored at Masan and the Chinese General You Seigai who commanded the Chinese troops during the attack | Kachina; but no sooner were those Mandelay on the palace in Scoul last winter, and who was the payment of an indemnity by Korea; but his feel institud in paying the exorbitant sums de-As regards Formosa, it has been agreed that influence indirectly prevails in the cabinet. The minded. Let it by remembered that the misthe Chinese troops from Korea; and this ap- their houses had been granted by Royal decree; Li Hung-chang has already telegraphed to the plication was carried by an ambassador who left and that, therefore, they felt safe in eracting the various Viceroys and Governors in the coast pro- Ninsen for China by the Taian some time ago. buildings upon them that were standing when vinces and in Yunnan and Kuangai respectively Disquietude still prevails in Seoul and the richer Busmo was first attacked. And yet those soldiers

SELANGOR.

KWALA LUMPOR. 9th April. Three more Engineers have arrived for the Railway, ander Mr. Moss, viz., Mr. Hill, C.E., to bout Klang: Mr. Marwood to be at Batu Tiga: and Mr. Chantelley to be at Kwala Lumper; their salaries are \$250 a month, and in vain that we make any treaty with him, nor nobody knows what they are going to do. The bridge at Klang is not to be built, the engineers Pao's abstract and the actual text is that in the either being not capable or else they cannot find amplified and accentuated; while the remainder down 60 feet with nothing but mad as a result. I rode down the track the other day, but could invite our readers' attention to the following two only manage 6 miles of it from Kwala Lumper; past that there is not a bit of the permanent way made, further than cutting the trees down-none of the colverts are made, and all the swampy parts are left untouched, but Mr. Moss goes home on leave shortly, and will teave the swamps to his lieutenant (Mr. Hill, C.E.) The contractors tell me they could have had a train running

from Kwale Lumpor to Batu Tige on last New Year's day, and this was looked forward to by all the Europeans, only to be disappointed. The contractors say that they could not get the quantities in time. \* The heat has been very great, and most of the Europeans have been suffering, but the last two

days have brought refreshing showers that have Yap Ah Loy, the Capitan China of Selangor,

blaughter. If, however, they thought there, Betting 3 to 1 against Craiser, 5 to 2 against orders to desert in such a carpet bag sort of bad look out if war breaks out with Russia and Kelung. A gunbout passed the port to-day of Tartary. This was pointed out to him, and lost an able, enterprising and influential friends.

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midnight between the 14th and 15th March his wife visited him at his bedside, and gave him some food and then retired to bed for the night... Wetween 5 and 6 o'clock, not seaing the Capitan as usual going about, she went to waken him, and found him dead, out off almost in the prime of life at the age of 48. His life has been a curious and interesting one: He was a Kay Chinaman and was born at a small village, in China called Hooi Chew. He first came to the Straits as 2 Sinkay and was employed as a gardener and pork butcher at Lukat. His towkay illtreating him. Two ships now under construction at Kobs for the ran away, living in the jungle as a chare ral the Kiede Unya Kwaisha, are said to be of a type burner, and ultimately started tin mining in the which can be made available for mon-of-war of Ulu Langat District. During the disturbances between Rajah Mahdi and Tunku Die Udin The British steamers Benalder has brought he joined the Capitan China, Pah Lok Chai, 300 tons of rails from London for the Nippon who had espoused Tunku Dia Udin's cause, and Totando Kwaisha, and further 2,500 tons of rails assisted him in expelling Rajah Mahdi from Kwala Lumper, and was promoted for his services As the Government wish to prohibit the wear- to the post of personal attendant and sword ng of Japanese dress by officials of all departs bearer to the Capitan Pah Lok Chai. He was ments in office, a suit of European dress will be so much in favour with Pah Lok Chai that when furnished at official cost to each small salaried his end was drawing near, he made over the Capitancy to Yap All Loy and wrote to the The construction of a railway 14 rilling between | Sultan asking him to give Kap Ah Loy his-Nakatajiku, Ibaraki Prefecture (on the bank of kunsa or confirmation, which was done. On the Toneriver), and Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefect the former Capitan's death, he gave all his proture, was commonced on the 1st instant. It has party and money over to Yap Ah Loy, provided been cut as far as Ishibashijiku, a distance of 4 the latter took care of his children, a condition ri from the latter station. - Hochi Shimbun. which it is said has not been very well ob-It being evident that mixed residence must served. Although Yap Ah Loy was every ncessarily fello w the revision of Foreign Trea- conservative, he was of valuable assistties, European merchants endowed with business lance to the Resident in matters referring acumen, have not been slow to make preparations to the Chinese in the country. He was a most and it is believed that this appropriation will prove for the certain contingency. Several shops have enterprising man, and was the first to introduce already been opened in the capital under Japa- steam-machinery into the State, his first pump nese names with foreign capital, and we can even being erected at the famous tin mine Ampany,

name two or three that are now actively carrying | close to Kwala Lumpor, which lately passed into the hands of a Singapore firm for the large sum The sale of Japanese flannel, which in recent of \$170,000. Captain Yap Ah Loy was a Ma-

-THE RECAPTURE OF BHAMO.

The latest news from Blaum gives: us parfi-

culars of the closing episodes of the three months' fighting which terminated on the night of F :-It appears that on that night six leading

Chinamen from Kin-Buch-La's fort went to the Burmese General to treat with him for the selrender of the town and of their leader and his agreed to kill the two leaders, and hand over their bodies to the Barness. What the Burby fighting, has been accomplished by treathery. and the only satisfaction the Barmese soldiers have had is the crucifixion of two dead bodies; and the plundering of their own country. They had at last to repast the policy of last your, when they paid the same Chinamen to leave the town of Bhamo from whence they had four t themselves unable to dislodge them. This time the sum was Rs. 6,000 and a pulsee to each of the combatants. That same night all the Cainese and Kachins cleared out, carrying with firem all they wanted to tak and escorted out of Burmese territory by 200 of Tanbiw's

We can imagine the bight post of they must have felt for the Shway Lan B., the Wansdouk, and their seven tirais and man was had to pay them to go.

No sooner were they away at a safe distance than the Burmesosoldiers ventured out, and commenced looting those houses which the Chinese during there three months had respected. Not content waway all things that were moveable, , themselves in smashing and hacking to pie. he American organs, pieces of farniture, and doors and windows of some of the houses of the missionaries, in one house we learn that subsequently no difficulty was experienced, the the American organ has been so smashed up that you cannot find a piece of wood large enough from which to make a chisel handle. Not content with this, they have even foreibly robbed one of the French priests who had at once princeeded to his house-now a rain-taking from his person Re-The Russian ironelad Ministerrival at Singa- 10 in meney, and then carrying away his travelto "Hard a-port," but the mate reasoned with pore on Saturday evening, the 18th inst. The ling bug, and some of the few bits of furniture him, and after a short while they decided to go Straits Times says:- "She left Nagasaki on the still remaining to him; in all robbing him of on but this was not until the Captain, had in- 30th March; and came direct, but some days be- ninety rupees worth of goods and money. Mr. tormed the mate that he intended to have his fore her arrival in port, a serious, breakdown oc- Soltan's Chinese assistant, who for the previous orders obeyed being Captain of the ship. The curred in her machinery, which rendered her month or more had been caring for the sick and mate gave the Captain to understand it was a engines useless, and she had to resort to sail to | wounded Barmese soldiers, entered his old quarjoke of his, and the electric light was only a perform the remainder of her voyage. Owing ters as the Burmese soldiers took possession of the search light and that they, the Leeguen, were to her beavy draught of water, some 23 feet, it town, taking with him his bodding and clothing.

> It may be said that the officers were ignorant of the doings of their men; and had they known would have checked them. Far from this being the case, they were equally as brd as their mon; and on all occasions, where the Captain of the English steamer sought to obtain redress on behalf of the plundered missionaries, the officers were either powerless to give it, or, what is far more likely, were unwilling to demand it from their men. In future the missionaries will axpect for more justice and consideration from the Kachin and Chinese than from the Barmers soldiers and their officers. The Woodlook and his men saem to have been the warst, probably because they know most about the Mission . Hou ess and their contints; as they spent some time in wounded mon at that time were kindly cared for

by the missionaries. We would warn any English subjects against trusting themselves or their property in Upper Burmah. They will find to their cost that they will be plundered by descrits on the one hand and by Thesbaw's unpaid troops on the other. The Chinese took great care of both of the Mission . Houses, and preserved everything in them with the excaption of some wearing apparel and a few small articles which were carried away by soldiers visible than they stripped the house of they could that could not by removed. Doors and windows were hacked to pieces in order that were taken off, and brought dewn to the stamer sionaries were residing in Bhamo under Royal

We feel sure that our Government will not forget these facts when negotiations with King Theobaw are re-opened, as may probably soon come to pass. Unless Theebaw, and his Ministers show by substantial acts that they repudiate the uncivilised conduct of their agents from the time that Mr. Roberts was five times fired upon and the Missionaries forbidden to remove their goods from Bhamo, to the time that their houses were plandered and themselves and their assistants grossly insulted and robbad-it will be can be expect us to trust in him or his promises. The inhabitants of Phamo do not seem in any hurry to return. They will doubtless be robbed of every thing they take back, as we learn the Woondonk and five hundred of his brayes are there to protect them, as they have protected all their own people and the dwellings still left in that ill-fated place. The Chinese Temple is in a filthy condition, and the stench from bodies baried within its enclosure is so horrible that the Woon has ordered that no one should be

Howed to go near it. The House of the Reman Catholic priests is a mere wrook. Having been used as a fort by the Chinese for three months it bears marks of having soon hard fighting. The floors are broken up, and burnt through in many places, and the rooms below are used as stables. We wonder, when the Chinamen will return and make another raid. Having been so successful on two different occasions we see no reason why they may not make a third attempt when people have again-settled down in Bhamo, and some money and goods are to be found there again .- Ringoom